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At the recent 50th annual meeting of the Virginia Foundation for Independent Colleges, which Mary Baldwin helped found, the talk was of frailty — the frailty of the liberal arts college, the frailty of the single-sex liberal arts college. Granted, there are few all-male colleges. The number of women's colleges has declined considerably over the past several decades, though more than 60 remain. We at Mary Baldwin are certainly acquainted with the pressures that small liberal arts colleges face. We confront them every day. But as many of you know, I happen to be something of a contrarian. I look for good news when I see signs of it — and I do see signs.

Yes, the stock markets are well below historic highs, and the economy has been in a muddle. The extraordinary public generosity shown to the families of the thousands who died in the terrorist attacks a year ago diverted many charitable contributions to that compelling cause. At Mary Baldwin, giving is up, and our investments have performed better than those at most other colleges and universities. We beat the average return for our benchmarks.

Our enrollment is solid. Interest in our latest regional center, in Sterling in northern Virginia's Loudoun County, is encouraging.

We're on target with our strategic plan. We know where we are going, and we are getting there. For example, we're rapidly developing new programs, including a much-requested master's in counseling psychology and a center for applied leadership and management. Like others we've created, they will be built on our sturdy liberal-arts foundation.

As Americans grapple with the undermining of institutions of all kinds, Mary Baldwin need not scramble. We already offer courses, programs, and a social environment that teach and stress values. It seems to me that we are very forward looking. Character and character development have long been essential to a Baldwin education. Integrity and values are now at the top of the nation's agenda. People are craving them. Every college and university will come to the table with something. We are tried and true. We have always felt that education, outside as well as inside the classroom, should be rooted in values. We don't suddenly have to gain a new perspective.

Finally, single-sex education is enjoying a revival in secondary schools. Not surprising to us, young women — and men — are bolder and more successful in their academic and extracurricular pursuits. As statistics and our experience have long shown, the same is true in college.

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## Changes...

You may have already noticed our new look on the cover — updated typography throughout the *Magazine* that is clean, crisp, and sure. You may also have been expecting fall *Columns*, the newsprint tabloid we have published twice a year along with two magazines. Responding to reader reaction, we'll produce three magazines a year: fall, winter, and spring. We will no longer print *Columns*. Thanks for the feedback. Let us know how we can continue to serve you better.



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# Here's to You, Jerry Venn

By Sherry R. Cox '99

WHEN JERRY VENN RETIRED as professor of psychology in spring 2000, his colleagues and students could barely imagine Pearce Science Center and Mary Baldwin College without his laughter, compassion, and creative teaching. But they knew they would still see him at college functions like the ADP 25th anniversary celebration that he went to in Charlottesville in March.

Attending events honoring students or involving their families was among his highest priorities. They knew they could enjoy a warm hug and bask in his undivided attention and what one former student described as his "face-filling smile." That assurance vanished this spring as family and friends grappled with the sudden loss of Jerry Venn.

Jerry Rodger Venn, 67, of Nellysford,

Virginia, died March 26 at the Augusta Medical Center after a brief illness. He left his wife of 40 years, Elaine; two sons, Jody and Jon; daughter Aimee; and five grandchildren.

Venn came to Mary Baldwin in 1967 with a B.S. from the College of William and Mary in Norfolk (now Old Dominion University) and an M.Ed. in school counseling from the University of Virginia. He earned his Ed.D. in educational psychology from UVA in 1970 and completed post-doctoral study there in school and clinical child psychology in 1976. He was licensed to practice clinical psychology. In 1990, MBC faculty awarded Venn the Faculty Community Service Award in recognition of his contributions to the college.

John Kibler, professor of psychology, wrote in summer 2000 *Columnis* that Venn loved squirting students with a water pistol in class to illustrate a conditioned response. Antics aside, he worked hard to devise ways of helping students grasp difficult concepts. Kibler also noted Venn's love for his students. "He knows their names; he knows more about their lives than I ever could; he notices the small changes in their appearance and demeanor; and he never misses an opportunity to deliver a compliment."

In a book of cards and letters compiled when Venn retired, Lesley Novack, professor of psychology, wrote, "I still think back to my first memory of Jerry during my initial interview at the college. I remember seeing his face toward the end of my lecture; he was smiling enthusiastically, and I recall thinking that he had such a pleasant and happy face. When I finished speaking, he came over to me and took my hand in both of

his and welcomed me to the college. It was the best and warmest welcome that I have ever received. I knew then that I really wanted to be at Mary Baldwin with colleagues as warm and inviting as he was."

Novack also wrote about Venn's famous laugh. "Wherever I was in Pearce, if I were within 50 feet of that wonderful laugh, a smile would appear on my face. Sometimes, his laugh was accompanied by a foot stomp; the combination was contagious and, truly, he spread joy everywhere!"

Reactions to Venn's death poured in from all over. Comments depicted a professional who set high standards for himself, his students, the psychology department, and the college; an instructor who pulled more out of his students than they knew was there; and, as one colleague said, a "very kind soul who would literally tremble with outrage at any form of injustice."

Tracey Cones '82, program analyst at The Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of Natural History in Washington, D.C., credits Venn for not only encouraging her to pursue an internship at the Institute for Social Research at the University of Michigan, but helping her win a research grant to fund it. "Dr. Venn taught me how to write a grant proposal," said Cones. "He spent extra time with me to teach me complex problem-solving processes. Dr. Venn not only showed me a door and opened it, he taught me how to walk through it."

"Other than my parents, no one had a more profound effect on my development than Jerry Venn," said Judy Stovall Boland '74, YMCA board chair and



College Archive Photos



Catherine E. Ross

community volunteer in Richmond, Virginia. "His passion and enthusiasm kindled in me a love for learning that still burns 30 years later. He knew how to bring out the best in each of his students. He gave us confidence. Jerry Venn was the quintessential educator and friend."

To Nancy Hopkins Parsons '81, campaign director for arts and historic preservation at UVA in Charlottesville, "Jerry Venn exemplified all that was unique and wonderful about the Mary Baldwin experience. He was a talented and demanding instructor. He would not accept anything but your best, and you would not give anything but your best because you never wanted to let him down. He really cared about his students, and we really cared about him. He loved psychology, and he shared this passion with those of us who were fortunate enough to be in his classes. He taught me how to study, and he made it fun. He was also a dear friend and confidant and a true gentleman. He was there for each of us even after we graduated. When I think of Mary Baldwin, I think of Jerry Venn."

Catherine E. Ross '72, who teaches

English at the University of Texas at Tyler, remembers Venn as "a man of great intellectual curiosity who was both deeply sympathetic with people — including even the most irritating of students — and also a person of great good sense. He also smiled more than any professor I can recall. When I think about how I want to teach, how I want to treat my students, how I hope to be perceived by my colleagues, I always think of Dr. Venn."

"Has there ever been anyone more enthusiastic about psychology and able to transmit, transport, and radiate that enthusiasm to all around him?" asked Margaret Stanley Wood '74, alumnae director at Stuart Hall school in Staunton, in her letter for Venn's retirement book. "Jerry would start in before we ever even made it through the door. We were just enthralled. How could we not want to major in this fascinating subject with this fascinating man? You can be sure we had to be on death's door to miss one of Dr. Venn's classes. It was pure theatre. Here's to you, Jerry — to the smartest, funniest, sexiest, coolest guy who ever stepped into a classroom."

## Joseph M. Garrison Jr.

**Professor Emeritus of English**

Jerry Venn was the kind of person I wish I had known earlier, although my friendship with him had a long and continuous history, dating from the summer of 1964, when I lived across the street from him in Charlottesville and spent many of that summer's evenings sitting in his yard, talking. Standing by Jerry's casket at the end of the interment service, Elaine explained to the friends gathered there that Jerry would be buried facing west, reversing the custom of the cemetery, so that he would always see the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia. In a poem by Walt Whitman titled "Facing West from California's Shores," the poet, after taking an imaginative journey around the planet Earth, explains that by going west he will finally "face home again, very pleas'd and joyous." I don't remember talking with Jerry about death and dying back in that summer of 1964, but I'll bet you a pickup truck and a brand new pair of red suspenders that he would have laughed a laugh you would have never ever forgotten if I had told him then that he sometimes reminded me so much of Walt Whitman, celebrating every blessed thing in the world, that he would probably even die on Whitman's death day, March 26, which, by God, he did!

## James D. Lott

**Dean Emeritus of the College,**

**Professor Emeritus of English**

Jerry and I came to Mary Baldwin in the 1960s, and we knew each other well professionally and personally. Our children were friends and so were our wives. I assumed that Jerry would grow old enjoying his retirement, and he and I talked a lot about that, but it was not to be. The last time Jerry and I were together for any time was late last year when he, Elaine, Pam, and I met for dinner and spent most of the time talking about our grandchildren. Whenever I look at Garrett Venn, Jon and Mary Lida's son, I see little Jerry Venn: Garrett gives new meaning to the country phrase "the spittin' image."

Jerry's love for all his family was outstanding, and he talked about them at every opportunity. He loved teaching, and he loved his students. And they reciprocated. It was partly style; humor, which manifested itself in loud bursts of laughter, unconstrained and infectious. It was partly his love of psychology and his commitment to it and his skill talking about the subject. But it was deeper than that. It was the students' recognition that Jerry knew them, really knew them, and was interested in them and concerned about them as people. He was unique as a teacher and as a good human being.

“I think God puts you on earth to serve,”



## Remembering Carolyn Meeks, Honorary Alumna

By Sherry R. Cox '99

said Carolyn Meeks, administrative assistant to the president, as she reflected on her more than 41 years at Mary Baldwin. It was March, and she had been named an honorary alumna of the college, a rare designation she described as “the biggest honor that’s ever come to me ... a dream come true.” In failing health — she was near the end of her second battle with cancer — she exuded love for the college and its people.

Meeks died three months later, June 13. Survivors include her husband, Donnie; her mother; two children and their families; two brothers; and her dog, Josh, a boxer. The funeral, which Meeks planned, blended joyous song with remarks by President Cynthia H. Tyson, Chaplain Patricia Hunt, and Edward Scott, associate professor of philosophy. Rev. Temple Myers, minister of Memorial Baptist Church in Staunton, spoke of Meeks’ “strength of soul.”

Meeks grew up in Alexandria, Virginia, and came to the Shenandoah Valley to attend what was then Madison College, now James Madison University, in nearby Harrisonburg. There she met Donnie on a blind date. They were married for more than 40 years. She left Madison without finishing, but, at the urging of Tyson, returned to earn her degree in 1987.

Initially, Meeks worked for Dean of the College Martha Grafton and Dean of Students Elizabeth Parker. “I came to Mary Baldwin September 11, 1961,” she said. “I admired the Mary Baldwin ‘girls,’ as people called them, so much. A lot of them were rich, but I didn’t want to be rich; I just wanted to be smart like they were.”

“It sounds very pretentious, I know, but when I came to Mary Baldwin I knew I could do a good job. I set goals, and my goal was one day to be top secretary at Mary Baldwin. I wanted to be the best I could for the college.”

After more than four decades, Meeks still remembered her introduction to the college. “I’ll tell you the first person I ever saw at Mary Baldwin — she greeted me at the front door when I came up the steps. It was Lelia Taylor, a housekeeper in the Administration

Building. She had on a black uniform with a white apron. I thought I was in *Gone With the Wind*. Every day she was there polishing my desk, and she taught me a lot about Staunton. She filled me in on history, and I was very grateful to her.”

“Through the years, I passed on some of that knowledge to others,” said Meeks. The first thing I did when I saw Dr. Tyson was try to fill her in on things. I didn’t want to overwhelm her, but I told her some things about the college and the community.”

Meeks served six deans and two presidents. She saw the campus expand with the purchase of the Staunton Military Academy property in 1976. She worked with the college administration to add the Adult Degree Program in 1977, the Program for the Exceptionally Gifted in 1985, the Master of Arts in Teaching in 1992, the Virginia Women’s Institute for Leadership in 1995, and the Master of Letters/Master of Fine Arts in Shakespeare and Renaissance Literature in Performance last fall. Meeks, who recalled the racial integration of the college in the 1960s, welcomed today’s diversity. “It is just amazing to go to the dining hall and see all these different faces.”

The March interview of Meeks appears in full on the MBC Web site ([www.mbc.edu/alumnae/meeks.htm](http://www.mbc.edu/alumnae/meeks.htm)) along with comments before her death by some of the people who worked with her through the years. They described a wise professional with a “joyful spirit.”

Patricia Menk, professor emerita of history, said, “Carolyn Meeks is one of the treasures of Mary Baldwin College — rare, indispensable, totally discreet. Accurate, quick, unfailingly courteous to all.”

Patricia Hunt, college chaplain, is one of the “lunch bunch” who enjoyed eating with Meeks in Hunt Dining Hall. “Carolyn’s sense of humor has made having lunch together a lot of fun. She sees the humor in the human situation. Perhaps that is why no one intimidates her, no matter their station in life. Board members, preachers, presidents, senators, the well heeled

and well connected — all just people to Carolyn. She sees our foibles and foolishness and has affection for us in spite of ourselves.”

For nearly 17 years, Tyson enjoyed a close working relationship with Meeks and relied on her wisdom. “I have had the privilege of working with Carolyn all of the time I have been at Mary Baldwin College. When I came to Mary Baldwin, I knew very little about the college, and she knew a great deal. She was able to tell me where all of the little pitfalls were. She was able to say, ‘Oh, just a minute now.’ Carolyn is a strong professional. She understands what is appropriate and what is not. She is a woman of integrity. She’s also a joy to work with. Always, Carolyn keeps calm and measured and balanced. She is never put off stride — even at the most outrageous developments. Carolyn is fun.”

And of the president, Meeks said, “Dr. Tyson is truly one of my very best friends. She calls me every morning. She tells me what’s going on at the college. We tell each other we love each other. She’s my main support besides Donnie. She and I have so much in common. It’s just amazing — a little English woman. We both have two children. We share the same values, and it has just been a wonderful relationship with a lot of mutual respect. We both love the English language.”

“I go in Wal-Mart and correct the signs. One time they were renovating, and they had a sign, ‘Please bare with us.’ I got out the black pen and asked the clerk if he wanted me to take my clothes off. Then right after that I went to Belk, and they had signs up with a word misspelled. Got out the black pen. My husband gets so embarrassed. But I can’t stand it.”

Carolyn Meeks left her mark on Mary Baldwin College. Her professionalism and warmth live on in the institution she loved. Her college pride continues in the hearts of fellow employees and alumnae/i. Her spirit remains with the friends with whom she shared lunch and laughter each day. And for those who learned from her example, a black pen is close at hand.

## Students Win Grants For Research Projects

By Marisol Euceda '04

Four Mary Baldwin College students — of just 20 overall among Virginia independent colleges — received grants in a competition to pursue research projects this past summer.

The past \$2,500 awards are made through the Jessie Ball duPont Fund and United Parcel Service Minority Student Summer Research Program and the Virginia Foundation for Independent Colleges. Each student worked closely with a faculty advisor for 10 weeks and reported on the project at a fall symposium at Mary Baldwin.

Two chemistry majors, Ashley Purnell '05 and Jennifer Oliver '03, teamed up to help professors make a department handbook on chemistry more helpful to students. They developed strategies that anticipate difficulties that students might have performing certain procedures such as synthesizing compounds.

Purnell, from Richmond, Virginia, is a cadet in Mary Baldwin's Virginia Women's Institute for Leadership. She hopes to go to medical school. Oliver, from Birmingham, Alabama, said her senior research “will involve doing much of the same type of trouble shooting” as the summer project involved.

Stephanie Brown '04 from Mount Pleasant, South Carolina, majoring in International Relations, explored the growing controversy about a ritual in some countries called female circumcision or, depending on the perspective, genital mutilation. Brown said she wanted to “gain a better understanding of the cultural reasons why female circumcision is practiced.” She examined the ongoing debate between those who say the procedure is essential to their culture and those who say it violates the rights of women, degrading and hurting them.

“I found this topic interesting because it is seen as taboo to even discuss it” in certain countries and cultures, said Brown. “Female circumcision is a subject that has become more prevalent in today's society, especially as a human rights issue, and that has caused it to gain more of the public's attention.”

Brown said she will benefit from a broader sense of what is going on in the world, particularly among women — important to her in part because she attends a women's college.

Kendra Clarke '03, a political science and theatre major from Crawfordsville, Indiana, researched “Unlikely Allies: The Post-September 11 Bond Created by Exclusion.” Clarke said she “read an article in *The New Republic* about increased diplomacy between Israel and India” after the United States initiated a war on terrorism in response to last September's attacks. “This in itself interested me, because I realized that the inclusion of either country would be detrimental to an alliance with Arab nations.”

Clarke, in Mary Baldwin's Program for the Exceptionally Gifted, said the two countries have grown closer diplomatically. She was interested in how improved relations might affect U.S. policy toward the two.

“I opted to pursue the project because I felt it would be beneficial to me as a dry run for my senior thesis,” said Clarke. “The production of a larger paper is extremely useful to my growth as a writer as well.”

Clarke read a variety of books and articles about Israel and India. “Work on this paper allows for certain academic growth over the summer that I am extremely grateful for,” she said.

## Russell Scholar Makes Film on Abuse

In May, 2001–2002 Russell Scholar Elyse Richardson and junior Catherine Stanfield held a public screening on campus of their documentary, “Child Abuse and the Community.” In the film, professionals talk about how they have been affected by working with abused children.

The Margaret Kable Russell Award is presented annually to a rising senior who demonstrates outstanding academic achievement, high character, and volunteer service on campus. The winner must design and carry out a scholarly project during her senior year. Advisors for this year’s Russell project were Daniel Stuhlsatz, assistant professor of sociology, and Allen Moyé, instructor in communication.

## VFIC Honors Three Alumnae

The Virginia Foundation for Independent Colleges has honored three Mary Baldwin graduates: Louise Rossett McNamee and Mary Elizabeth Reed Smyth for lifetime achievement, and Kathryn Elizabeth Meyer as a recent holder of a VFIC scholarship.

McNamee, a New York advertising executive who began as a Harlem kindergarten teacher and advertising researcher, became the first woman to have her name added to the prominent ad agency Della Femina McNamee WCRS. A 1970 graduate, she is now president of Messner Vetere Berger McNamee Schmetterer Euro RSCG. She has been named advertising woman of the year by *Ad Week* magazine and one of America’s 50 most powerful women by *Ladies Home Journal*. At Mary Baldwin College, McNamee, a trustee, was given the first Career Achievement Award, has presented the Smyth Leadership Lecture and has been part of the college’s “CEO in the Classroom” program.

Smyth, Class of 1947, is a philanthropist and educator. After graduate study, she taught in Waynesboro, Virginia, and was named one of the Top 20 teachers in the nation. She and her husband, H. Gordon Smyth, are partners

in philanthropy. They established the Smyth Foundation in 1990 to award scholarships, have helped more than 40 students, and have also provided travel grants to public-school teachers. At Mary Baldwin, Smyth and her husband, a former trustee, have established a lecture series, endowed a scholarship, and contributed to many projects. They have also provided for additional scholarships and programs through their estate plans. The Smyths live in Nellysford, Virginia.

Meyer, a Williamsburg, Virginia, native, is a 2002 graduate who majored in psychology and minored in sociology and ministry. She was a VFIC Beazley Scholar for four years and hopes to receive certification as a mediator before she begins graduate work leading to a Ph.D. in clinical psychology.

The VFIC recognized the three, among others, at its 50th anniversary meeting in July.

## Working Through Adversity: New Scholarship Awarded

Vanessa Lane has been named the first recipient of the Adult Degree Program’s “Amazing Grace” Scholarship. The \$2,500 award will be granted annually to an ADP student who has inspired others by overcoming adversity.

“Adversity can, of course, take many forms: health-related, financial, providential,” said Stevens Garlick, ADP professor of German, head of the selection committee. “What is crucial is that the candidate demonstrate that he or she has overcome the hardship in question and in the face of this daunting adversity is nevertheless persisting in the pursuit of his or her bachelor’s degree through the Adult Degree Program.”

The scholarship was created by Carol Douglas, a wealth management advisor for Merrill Lynch in Charlotte, North Carolina. A friend of MBC President Cynthia H. Tyson, she finished her undergraduate program as an adult student. Her sister earned her degree after overcoming obstacles and obtaining a scholarship.

Ann Alexander, ADP professor of

history at the MBC Roanoke center and Lane’s advisor, said Lane “had a magnificent first semester and has impressed her professors and her fellow students with her ability to build a new life. When she arrives for class in the evenings, she in truth appears radiant and exhibits amazing grace.”

Said Lane: “My Mary Baldwin experience has been the stuff that fairy tales are made of, and my love for learning seems to grow exponentially with every passing day. After so many years wondering where I might fit, the ADP program has been quite like coming home.”

*Anyone interested in creating a scholarship or investing in an existing scholarship for a worthy student may call the Mary Baldwin Development office at 1-800-622-4255 for more information.*

## Student Team Debates National Security Issues

A Mary Baldwin team performed typically well in the annual Ethics Bowl competition among Virginia’s 15 independent colleges. MBC tied for second with Randolph-Macon Woman’s College.

The topic debated was timely and provocative: “Civil Rights and National Security.” Sharing first place were Marymount College and Washington and Lee University. MBC team members were Jamie Curley, Amanda Davis, Jessica Puglisi, Katy Sue Tillman, and Lauren Loyd, and alternates Kerrie Laughlin and Shukita Whitaker. Contestants socialized with Virginia Governor Mark R. Warner at a reception and dinner associated with the February event.

“Once again, the MBC team was impressive,” said Roderic Owen, professor of philosophy and academic advisor to the team. “Our students more than held their own in terms of intellectual preparedness, rhetorical skill, rational argumentation, and effective team strategizing.”

The Ethics Bowl was sponsored by the Virginia Foundation for Independent Colleges and funded by the Batten Family Foundation and Wachovia Corp.



## College Offers Minor In Creative Writing

Beginning this fall, Mary Baldwin offers a minor in creative writing. Requirements include three new courses. Sarah Kennedy, assistant professor of English, will teach *The Crafting of Poetry* and *The Writing of Poetry*. Richard Plant, professor of English, will teach *The Crafting of Fiction*.

In part, the creative writing minor comes in response to inquiries from prospective students. English faculty members also say that additional creative writing courses make the college more competitive with comparable undergraduate institutions and better able to prepare students for master's programs in writing.

## MBC Athletes Honored

In its second season, the MBC softball team improved markedly. The Fighting Squirrels won 15 games — up from three last year — and compiled a 6-4 record in conference play.

In other sports, two Mary Baldwin sophomores were recognized by the National Collegiate Athletic Association. Sarah Hatfield ranked 21st in the nation among Division III volleyball players in

hitting with 38.1 percent. Maneisha Hardy ranked 10th among Division III basketball players in steals, averaging four per game.

Coaches of the Atlantic Women's Colleges Conference, of which Mary Baldwin is a member, chose seven MBC athletes for conference-wide recognition in winter and spring sports. In basketball: all-conference, Maneisha Hardy; honorable mention, Lateasha Armstead. For swimming: all-conference, Jennifer Kukla and Jenny Carman. In softball: all-conference, Jordan Armstrong and Kelly Marra; honorable mention, Angelina Morgan.

Fencing is one of the college's club sports, along with riding, lacrosse, and dance. This year's team included 15 MBC students.

MBC fencers use one of three weapons: foil, epee, or sabre. The sabre team ranked second in the state, and the team as a whole placed fourth. Three MBC fencers qualified for National Junior Olympics, and Elaine Landay competed in Junior Olympics in Columbus, Ohio.

Mary Baldwin hosted the United States Fencing Association's divisional tournament in March, and three of the college's fencers advanced to the USFA Summer National Fencing Tournament: Bethany Pope, a sophomore; Anne

Byford, fencing coach and adjunct instructor of biology and physical education; and Val Gangwer, director of audio-visual services.

## President Tyson Marks Birthday of Jefferson

Mary Baldwin President Cynthia H. Tyson was the featured speaker April 13 when the 259th anniversary of Thomas Jefferson's birth was commemorated at Monticello, his home near Charlottesville, Virginia. Representatives of local, state, and national institutions attended the annual event.

In her speech, Tyson noted that Jefferson late in life responded to a query by writing that "a plan of female education has never been a subject of systematic contemplation with me." But she said he also indicated in his correspondence that he had thought about it — at least for his daughters. Jefferson's recommended books and course of study for women are "the essence of the liberal arts," said Tyson.

"I think he would be pleased that we have come so far," said Tyson, "that we in succeeding generations have extended his concepts of the liberal arts to a much wider group of citizens."



Horace Day and Elizabeth Nottingham Day, 1950

Margo Zink, Bowerly Studio

## Days' Paintings: Marriage in Art Influenced Both

Paintings of respected artists Horace Day and Elizabeth Nottingham Day — both of whom taught at Mary Baldwin — were shown in the college's Hunt Gallery during May for returning graduates and many others to view. The exhibition, "A Marriage in Art," noted their effect on each other.

Both began teaching at the college in 1941 — Elizabeth Nottingham Day until her death in 1956, and Horace Day until his retirement in 1967. He died in 1984. Both painted landscapes, among other subjects, in different styles. The two "established a tone of serious artistic investiga-

tion" at Mary Baldwin, as Paul Ryan, associate professor of art and director of the Hunt Gallery, wrote in the brochure for the exhibition.

And as son Tal Day wrote, "the paintings from their marriage illustrate how a close working and personal relationship may influence — without dominating individual growth and evolution."

Added Ulysse Desportes, professor emeritus of art who knew and worked with the Days, both "taught all levels of studio art as well as art history, art appreciation, and aesthetics courses," always encouraging lively participation in class.

# Testifyin' – NewTheatreTroupe

## Explores African-American Culture

By Morgan Alberts Smith '04

The Kuumba Players of Mary Baldwin have been *Signifyin'*, *Testifyin'*, and *Plain Ole Lying* since spring 2000 when then-freshman Tonquise "TQ" Jabari '03 proposed a creative outlet for African Americans interested in theatre. The troupe's name, Kuumba, means creativity in Swahili.



Tonquise "TQ" Jabari

Jabari, of Morrow, Georgia, began the Players' performances, and her writing and directing career, with the play *Kaleidoscope*. Her second play was *Keepin' the Kitchen Close*, which audiences enjoyed so much encore performances were held. Last spring's *Signifyin'*, *Testifyin'*, and *Plain Ole Lying* was presented in three parts. The first focused on children and was based on folklore. Jabari, whose great-great-grandparents were slaves, developed the text from talking to her grandmother and from African-American folktales.

The second part of the play was about gossiping and making light of situations in life, in school, and in the church. The final portion featured dance and song.

"The play uses folk tales that have been passed down from Africa, the South, and the Caribbean," says Jabari. "Although the play is entertaining, the purpose is to introduce everyone, children especially, to the rich history of storytelling and African-American history."

Like many African Americans, Jabari's father decided that he no longer wanted to use the name that his ancestors inherited from slaveholders, so he researched his family's background. He found that they came from Africa by way of Caribbean islands. He then changed the name to "Jabari," which means brave in Swahili. This discovery inspired the younger Jabari, who studied theatre at the Center for the Performing Arts of North Atlanta High School.

Jabari tends to craft roles for the actresses, African-American students at Mary Baldwin. She starts with a sketch of each character, filling it out when roles are filled.

Jabari is majoring in both communication and Asian studies. When she graduates, she plans to move to Los Angeles to look for acting opportunities, perhaps in television.

Above: Jonathan Oliver

Tyson also observed that the curriculum at the University of Virginia, which Jefferson founded, was adapted by Mary Julia Baldwin and others as the academic underpinning of what became Mary Baldwin College. Baldwin persisted, said Tyson, despite warnings "that she was making the requirements so difficult" that her institution "would not draw many students."

### Where Did You Get That Hat?

How did we come to dress the way we do? Why did we adopt the many ways we dress and have dressed, throughout recorded history and even earlier? As they say in the fashion world, eventually everything old is new again.

This year's Phi Beta Kappa visiting scholar, Elizabeth Wayland Barber, offered a few clues about our haberdashery habits during a spring talk at Mary Baldwin: "Where did you get that hat, my dear?"

Influences on modern styles may go back further than most imagined. The earliest representation of a hat discovered so far is on the tiny, 20,000-year-old Venus of Willendorf figurine in Vienna, Austria. The oldest hat found dates from about 1650 B.C. and was at first thought to be a bag before fully pieced together.

Barber, professor of linguistics and archaeology at Occidental College in Los Angeles, said primitive pattern, weave, and fabrics were far more advanced than some would think. For example, ancient mummies in central Asia were fitted with plaids similar to those of the Celts.

Co-chair of the classics program at Occidental, Barber earned a bachelor of arts from Bryn Mawr College and a Ph.D. from Yale University. The Phi Beta Kappa Visiting Scholar Program each year makes available 12 or more distinguished scholars who visit some 100 colleges and universities. They spend two days on each campus, meeting with students and faculty members, taking part in classroom discussions, and giving a free public lecture.

# A CLASSICAL EDUCATION

## — And in Just 30 Minutes

By George Graves

### Former Official In Development Dies

William G. Wehner, Mary Baldwin vice president for development from 1977 to 1980, died April 28 in Lubbock, Texas.

Wanda Morris, coordinator of operations for Institutional Advancement at MBC, described Wehner as “a family man and a wonderful development officer.” She also remembers his laugh. “Bill had a laugh that was contagious. If you ever met him, you would not forget him.”

Wehner earned his B.A. from Oklahoma State University. He left MBC to accept the position of vice president for development and university relations at Drew University. At the time of his death, he was vice chancellor for institutional advancement at Texas Tech University.

### VWIL Cadets View Launch, Meet with Shuttle Astronaut

By Marisol Euceda '04

“The shuttle launch was amazing,” said Whitney Gallagher '04, one of 16 cadets in Mary Baldwin's Virginia Women's Institute for Leadership who traveled to south Florida this spring to view the liftoff of *Columbia*. “The United States has come so far since its creation, and our power is so vast. It was quite phenomenal to see it all come together in one moment.”

The cadets were invited by astronaut Nancy Currie, a veteran Army officer who was going into space for her fourth and final time. She is the director of robotics at the Johnson Space Center and is considered the expert on the robotic arm, 50 feet long and used on missions that require retrieving, deploying, and connecting various objects in space. Currie credits Brig. Gen. Michael N. Bissell, VWIL commandant of cadets, with getting her into the space program. She has visited VWIL twice at the Mary Baldwin campus in Staunton.

The cadets toured shuttle facilities and met with another astronaut, Pat Forrester, who had returned from space just 30 days before. They talked with Forrester about being an astronaut and what space travel is like. Cadets had expressed an interest in the space program but were unsure of what steps to

Who could resist the offer by Jeffrey L. Buller, the dean of the college: “A 30-Minute Complete, Guaranteed, Positively Time-Tested Liberal Arts Education.” Sure beats four years of grinding it out with tests, papers, projects, presentations, and all of those classes to attend, right?

In a lively, fast-paced presentation with nary a note, Buller delivered this spring's “last lecture” — by tradition, what the invited speaker would say if this were, in fact, his or her final performance.

“I remember very vividly what it's like to be a student, especially after spring break,” Buller told those assembled in the spacious and gracious lounge of Spencer residence hall. “The mind wanders.” He promoted his capsule classical education especially to those “who haven't been paying as much attention as you should have the last couple of weeks or six months or four years.”

Joking aside, the high-energy Buller did manage to explain the essentials of a classical education — an academic interest of his, informing his study of Wagnerian opera — and blend in additional humor to make it all go down easily, as promised.

The dean offered four lessons gleaned from the Greeks and Romans:

“Life is not the either-or. It is the both-and.” Noting that the world and human nature are complex, Buller stressed the importance of “observing and appreciating differences. It's not that one way is necessarily better than another — they're just different.”

“Moderation is sometimes best.” Noting that Mary Baldwin's campus reflects the clean, sturdy lines of classical buildings, Buller cited “the golden mean, the middle way, nothing in excess.”

At the same time, “striving for ideals, doing your best, can be a powerful motivator.”

But “there are forces larger than you that affect your life, and you'll have to respond to them. For all of our striving for excellence, for all of our dedication to commitment and ideals, there are things we can't control. If your happiness depends on only good things happening to you, you will never be happy. How you respond is what matters.”

This supposed last lecture is destined for encores. It seems that Mary Baldwin graduates, who truly have a “time-tested liberal arts education,” would like to sample this version as well. Alumnae/i chapters are calling.

take to become involved.

“The cadets got to see first hand what it was like to be an astronaut and what it takes to become an astronaut,” said Bissell.

The cadets attended a pre-launch reception, where they met with Lt. Gen. Joseph M. Consumano Jr., commander of U.S. Army Space and Missile Command.

Said Gallagher: “I learned how the military is actively working with a civilian operation — NASA. There are so many opportunities out there for young people. I learned that the military is an excellent place to start out. With hard work and training, like that which we receive at MBC, both as cadets and students, we are properly prepared for the future.”

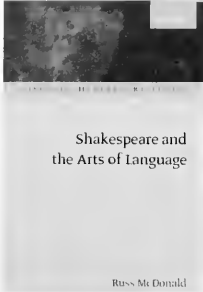
Describing the launch, Gallagher said: “It was partly cloudy, but as the

shuttle launched to the east and the sun came up, we had a beautiful view as the shuttle broke through the clouds.”

In other news, graduating senior Monica Choi became the first VWIL cadet to complete air-assault school, at Fort Drum in New York State. The demanding two-week program culminates with students' rappelling out of helicopters.

Also, the VWIL color guard performed this spring at a national conference, Women Entrepreneurs in the 21st Century, in Washington, D.C.

And U.S. Army Brig. Gens. Maria L. Cribbs and Elizabeth Ann Harrell visited VWIL — flying to campus in a large military helicopter — in April. They were among the steady stream of high-ranking officers to come to Staunton to talk with VWIL cadets.



**Shakespeare scholar Russ McDonald, a visiting professor in Mary Baldwin's master's program in Renaissance literature in performance, and his latest book.**

In an intimate classroom setting, our students can have a wide-ranging discussion with the very people who are writing their textbooks.

For the past 20 years, context — not the text — has been the primary focus of much scholarship and teaching about Shakespeare, says Russ McDonald, professor of English at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

McDonald, a visiting faculty member in Mary Baldwin's master's program in Shakespeare and Renaissance literature in performance, should know. Not only is he an internationally respected Shakespeare scholar and teacher, he wrote the widely used *Bedford Companion to Shakespeare*. With original documents from Shakespeare's time, it introduces undergraduates to history, staging, and language — context.

Now the lively and engaging McDonald has a new book, one emphasizing words, text: *Shakespeare and the Arts of Language*, published by Oxford University Press.

Says McDonald: "I'm particularly interested in the poetry, the language, the construction of the verse, the speaking of the verse — what makes Shakespeare's poetry different, what makes his plays different."

McDonald likes the approach that distinguishes Mary Baldwin: learning about Shakespeare and his plays through performance. Performance, he says, "allows you to feel the text."

And words and expressions — many of which he crafted or shaped — could not have been more important to Shakespeare as he developed as a writer. "For Shakespeare, the play's the thing," says McDonald, borrowing a line from *Hamlet*. "He was more interested in dramatic effect than historical accuracy."

## The Word's Now the Thing For Visiting Shakespeare Scholar

By George Graves

cy." Shakespeare would change the relative ages of a couple of key characters in a play "if that suited the tension or contrasts he wanted to develop," says McDonald.

As Shakespeare matured, says McDonald, his history plays evolved from endorsing "Elizabethan political orthodoxy" — opposing disorder and division and

challenges to monarchies — to delving into complexities and considering different ways to look at the status quo.

"Having classes with outstanding teachers such as Russ McDonald connects our students to scholars shaping Shakespearean studies," says Mary Hill Cole, professor of history who teaches in the graduate program. "Their expertise in English Renaissance drama and textual analysis is part of what gives our program its academic strength. In an intimate classroom setting, our students can have a wide-ranging discussion with the very people who are writing their textbooks. These are people who embrace both the literary and dramatic aspects of Shakespeare in their own scholarship. And they are inspiring teachers."

Adds Cole: "Russ McDonald opened our Shakespeare's History course this spring with a fantastic orientation to the world, language, and life of Shakespeare, and then followed that up with close studies of several of the history plays. Because we were using his book, the *Bedford Companion*, it felt as if we had him in the classroom every night."

"It's an original and unusual opportunity," says McDonald, "to have academics and theatre together. I admire the ingenuity."

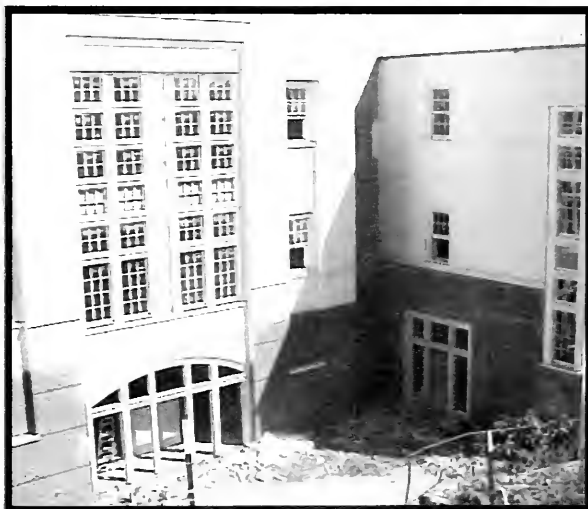
## The PEG Center



The new center for the Program for the Exceptionally Gifted is nearing completion. The state-of-the-art structure, between Pearce Science Center and Grafton Library, will be both residence hall and headquarters for the unique, nationally acclaimed program for young women who enter Mary Baldwin as young as rising ninth-graders. The building will have offices for staff, lounge and study areas for students, and laundry and kitchen facilities. The design reflects the landmark neoclassical architecture of its neighbors. The PEG Center will be painted the distinctive Mary Baldwin yellow.



To track the progress of the construction of the new PEG Center, go to Mary Baldwin's Web site: [www.mbc.edu/news](http://www.mbc.edu/news). That's also where you can keep up with the latest news about the college and events held there.



**Ann Alexander**, professor, ADP (history), wrote an entry on David Burrell, an African-American physician from Roanoke, for the *Dictionary of Virginia Biography*, Volume 2, published by the Library of Virginia

**Ivy Arbulu**, associate professor of Spanish, presented "La propuesta histórica literaria en el 'Discurso del soneto' de Fernando de Herrera" ("The Literary Canon Proposed by Fernando de Herrera in his 'Discourse on the Sonnet'") at the Congreso Internacional de Literatura Hispánica February 27–March 1. The event was organized by the Department of Foreign Languages, Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania, and held in Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú, Lima, Perú.

**Lisabeth Chabot**, college librarian, was a panelist in "Making the Connection: Collaboration Between Faculty and Librarians," March 22 at the Library of Virginia in Richmond.

The January issue of *College Media* included an article by **Bruce Dorries**, assistant professor of communication, about staffing student newspapers: "Welcoming Newsrooms Help Recruit and Retain Staff."

**Carrie Douglass**, associate professor of anthropology/Spanish, organized a session on low birthrates in Russia, the Czech Republic, Bulgaria, Greece, Italy, and Spain for the American Anthropological Association annual meeting in Washington, D.C., November 28–December 2. She presented a paper titled "Adult Children Living at Home and the Low Birthrate in Spain: 'We're Fine Here.'" Douglass presented "Transnational Motherhood: A Salvadoran Case" at the Southern Anthropological Society conference in Asheville, North Carolina, April 5–7.

Art by **Mary Echols**, professor emerita of art, was included in the "Three from Beverley" show at the gallery of Williams School of Commerce, Economics, and Politics at Washington and Lee University February 10–March 20

**Robert Grotjohn**, associate professor of English, presented a paper titled "Straight Man Reading: Kimiko Hahn's *Mosquito and Ant* from the Outside Out" at the Twentieth Century Literature Conference at the University of Louisville, February 21–23. He presented "The Bluest Sky: DuBois and Hughes in the Composition Classroom" at the annual conference April 11–15 for The Society for the Study of the Multi-Ethnic Literatures of the United States at the University of Washington in Seattle.

In February, **Sara Nair James**, associate professor of art, presented "The History of the Stained Glass Windows of Historic Trinity Church, Staunton" for Washington and Lee University alumni and trustee spouses. She presented "Dante and Signorelli: Poetic Theology at Orvieto" at the biannual Medieval and Renaissance Studies Conference at New College, Sarasota, Florida, March 14–16. James's article, "Penance and Redemption: The Role of the Roman Liturgy in Luca Signorelli's Frescoes at Orvieto," was published in the fall 2001 issue of *Artibus et Historiae*. Her review of *Renaissance Florence: The Art of the 1470s* by Patricia Lee Rubin and Alison Wright with Nicholas Penny (National Gallery, London, 1999) appeared in *Sixteenth Century Journal*, fall 2001.

**Kenneth Keller**, professor of history, has an article on Chancellor John Brown in the *Dictionary of Virginia Biography*, Volume 2, published by the Library of Virginia. His article, "The Best Thoroughfare in the South: The Valley Turnpike, 1834–1918," appeared in the *Augusta Historical Bulletin*, Volume 37, published March 2002 by the Augusta County Historical Society.

"My Redemption and Why It Took," a story by **James Lott**, dean emeritus and professor emeritus of English, appears in the fall–winter *Crab Orchard Review*, a literary journal published by Southern Illinois University

Pianist **Lynne Mackey**, adjunct assistant professor of music, performed February 24 as part of the Staunton Community Concerts series. She played works by F. J. Haydn, J. S. Bach, Chopin, Samuel Barber and Sergei Rachmaninov.

At a Library of Congress symposium in December marking the hundredth anniversary of the birth of anthropologist Margaret Mead, **Daniel Métraux**, professor of Asian studies, presented "The Setting Sun: Japan's Impending Demise as a Major Actor in World Affairs."

**Steven Mosher**, professor of health care administration and political science, co-authored "Quality Improvement in the Curriculum: A Survey of the Association of University Programs in Health Administration" for *The Journal of Health Administration Education*, spring 2001.

In January, **Roderic Owen**, professor of philosophy, presented "Connecting Intellectual, Ethical and Spiritual Development" at a conference on Powerful Learning and the Perry Scheme at the University of California at Fullerton. He chaired the session "What's Wrong with Character Education?" at the Association for Practical and Professional Ethics conference in Cincinnati, Ohio, February 28–March 3.

**Celeste Rhodes**, who recently retired as associate professor of education and director of research for PEG, contributed "Peg Voices: Alumnae Speak on Acceleration at a Woman's College" to the fall issue of *Understanding Our Gifted*.

**Martha Walker**, assistant professor of French/women's studies, contributed "Rehabilitating Feminist Politics and Political Theater" to the November issue of *Modern and Contemporary France*.

**John Wells**, professor of sociology, presented "Of All the Gin Joints in the World... The Decline of the Bogart Mystique in Contemporary Films" at the annual meetings of the Popular Culture Association, Toronto, Canada, March 6–8. He has contracted with Southeastern Literary Agency for his latest novel, *The Barfly Boys*.

The February issue of the American Chemical Society's *Today's Chemist at Work* included "Smoking Out the Past" by **Elizabeth and Hampton Hairfield**, chemistry professor and laboratory instructor, respectively. The article describes their studies to determine the botanical origins of residues left from clay smoking pipes in Chile in ancient times. **Ivy Arbulu**, associate professor of Spanish, and **Dorothy Mulberry**, professor emerita of Spanish, assisted the Hairfields by translating articles in Spanish necessary to understand the history of the pipes.

**Sandra McClain**, adjunct associate professor of music, participated in a March 3–5 workshop at Georgia Southern University that focused on the music of contemporary American composer Lori Laitman. As a member of the Arden Duo, she performed Laitman's "I Never Saw Another Butterfly" in a recital there March 5 and "Living in the Body" at the North American Saxophone Alliance at the University of North Texas March 7. In April, McClain appeared in Waynesboro, Virginia, as soprano soloist with Schola Cantorum and orchestra in the Easter portion of Handel's *Messiah* conducted by **Donald Kruger**, MBC choir director.

This spring, **Daniel Métraux**, professor of Asian studies, moderated a series of talks at the Staunton Public Library on the war on terrorism. **Roderic Owen**, professor of philosophy, presented "Introduction to Islam." **Gordon Bowen**, professor of political science, spoke on "How Much Does Freedom Matter? An American Foreign Policy for the 21st Century."

## Accomplishments

**Ann Alexander**, professor ADP history, and director of MBC's Pamphile Pegonia Center, was selected to participate in the Honored an Exemplary Nations Endowment for the Humanities Institute at Penn College June 6-28.

**Brenda Bryant**, director of MWU, has become the first female president of the Association of Midwestern Colleges and Schools of the United States. The 48 member institutions offer many educational programs to persons of debate throughout the country.

The Staunton-Augusta Arts Center has given Margaret and **Fletcher Collins**, professor emeritus of theatre, the first Sarah Nunn Culture Service Award. The couple is credited with developing a broad theatre and art culture in Staunton, including restoring Oak Grove Theatre, that set the foundation for groups like Shenandoah Shakespeare.

Effective July 1, **Michelle C. Fitzgerald** has been named administrative assistant to the president of Mary Baldwin College. Fitzgerald came to the college in 1999 and most recently served as administrative assistant for development and trustee relations. She earned her M.A.S. from Blue Ridge Community College and her B.A. from Mary Baldwin College.

**Lynn Gilliland**, executive director of alumni affairs, has been appointed to the board of directors of the Staunton-Augusta YMCA.

**Merry Wyatt Hankel**, ADP psychology/sociology adjunct, has qualified as an early childhood education trainer for the Virginia Department of Social Services and can conduct training for staffs of state-licensed child care facilities.

**Sara Nair James**, associate professor of art, has been appointed to a three-year term as an Arts Council for the Virginia Commission for the Arts, the state agency that supports the arts in Virginia through funding from the General Assembly and the National Endowment for the Arts.

**Kenneth Keller**, professor of history, is serving as president-elect of the Augusta County Historical Society for 2002-2003.

**Sarah Kennedy**, assistant professor of English, won first place in the latest Blue Ridge poetry contest for her poem "Flow Blue."

**Daniel Métraux**, professor of Asian studies, taught "The Making of Modern Japan" on the far Bames & Noble in April and June. Total enrollment was just over 100 students. During the summer he was visiting fellow in Asian studies at Australia National University in Canberra, where he co-chaired the Japanese Studies group. Soke Gekko.

**Gretchen Newman**, director of art and printing, won two First Place awards in competition sponsored by Printing Industries of Virginia: Best in Print 2001 (two color) and Commercial brochure about MBC regional centers' Best in Print 2001 (four color) — Scholarships and Stagecraft productions. MCM/MSA program.

**Roderic Owen**, professor of philosophy, received a Science and Religion Course Development grant from the Center for Theology and the Natural Sciences at the University of California at Berkeley. He will use the \$2,000 to further develop the MBC Honors Colloquium "Science, Religion and the Search for Meaning."

## Graduates Represent MBC At Presidential Inaugurations

The following graduates represented Mary Baldwin at the inauguration of presidents at colleges and universities across the country during the past academic year. The Office of Alumni Affairs Activities thanks them for performing this valuable service.

**Elizabeth "Betsy" Newman Mason '69**  
Eastern Virginia Medical School

**Garnett Clymer '95**  
Midwestern State University

**Sarah Shanklin McComas '73**  
Southwestern University

**Charlene "Cheri" Kenney '88**  
Fairmont State College

**Mary Cloud Hamilton Hollingshead '61**  
Georgian Court College

**Rachel Kosar Cottrell '58**  
Old Dominion University

**Susan Merklas Kahn '68**  
University of Miami

**Judy Lipes Garst '63**  
Virginia Western Community College

**Elizabeth "Beth" McElhinny '01**  
North Carolina Wesleyan College

**Terry Gage Quin '73**  
Thomas More College

**Karen Emmet Hunt '80**  
Eckerd College

**Margaret "Peggy" Maddex Barnes '67**  
East Carolina University

**Mildred Roycroft Teer '44**  
North Carolina Central University

**Sydney Marshall Elsass '69**  
Tufts University

**Mary McClung Frye '58**  
California State University, Channel Islands

**Joanne Reich '88**  
Ramapo College of New Jersey

## Faculty Retirements

**Celeste Rhodes** retired in June as associate professor of education but will continue as director of research for the Program for the Exceptional. V.G. Teer. Rhodes earned her B.S. from the University of Maryland, M.A. from Columbia University, and Ph.D. from the University of Virginia. She joined PEG in 1983 and directed that program from 1988 until 2001. After stepping down as executive director of PEG, Rhodes taught for the Master of Arts in Teaching Program and helped develop a specialization in teaching exceptional students. She has also been following up with PEG alumnae to document and assess the success of the program and its graduates, a project that she is continuing from her new home in Teaneck, New Jersey.

**Robert Weiss**, professor emeritus of mathematics, also retired in June. He earned his B.A. from LaVerna College and his M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of California at Los Angeles. Weiss joined the Mary Baldwin faculty in 1968 and served as chair of the mathematics department from then until 1998.



# Seeking Balance in Life:

By Claire T. Kent



# What are our spiritual beliefs and values?

Are we living according to our spiritual beliefs and values?

## What makes life complete?

## What makes us feel fulfilled?

What do we **absolutely** want to have in our lives?

What do we want our lives to look like?

**T**oo often we don't reflect on our lives until they seem out of control. Only then do we focus on what we want and need. What follows is my story of struggling to find balance, one that culminated in a year of research and renewal. My research confirmed some of the discoveries I had made and revealed others.

### My Journey

My interest in conducting a life-balance research project grew out of my own journey, a long and sometimes painful one but well worth the effort.

By my late 30s, the strain of raising two children, while engaged in a demanding job in a two-career marriage, had drained me. As do many women, I hid my discomfort. To the casual observer, I looked just fine: I had two beautiful children, a nice husband, and a meaningful career. For years, however, I had been taking on new responsibilities but shedding few.

At work I was an adviser to adult students — their primary link to the college. I was also a teacher, a regional center coordinator, and co-discipline head. I was on several key college committees and sometimes took on outside work. My children — then in elementary and middle school — were involved in many activities. I volunteered at the schools, led a Girl Scout troop, and taught Sunday school. My husband was more supportive than some of his contemporaries, but there was just too much to do.

I was attending a conference for female administrators about two weeks

short of my 40th birthday and felt drawn to a session on life balance. The presenter asked us to jot down the age at which we expected to die. I couldn't respond. From women around me, talking and laughing, I heard 86, 75, even 104. I was so tired I couldn't imagine living past 45.

Finally realizing the magnitude of my distress, I soon began my quest for balance, one that would last more than four years. For two years, I attended conferences and workshops on life balance, read books and articles, joined a spiritual formation group at my church, and sought help from a local Christian counselor. But the two most significant experiences came during the third year.

First, I attended Mary Baldwin College's Women's Institute for Leadership Development. My participation in WILD that summer several years ago was serendipitous. I had expressed interest in attending the week-long institute to help with the debriefing activities associated with the group's physical challenges. However, the group was small and the demands on my time few, so I was encouraged to join in. I committed to being totally open and honest with the group and to working hard at figuring out my life. The program was

intellectually stimulating. The physical challenges took me back to my childhood. I loved being part of this group of women. We had so much to offer each other, and our life experiences were so different.

The second life-altering experience came a few months after I returned from WILD. I attended what is known as the Walk to Emmaus, an ecumenical program that focuses on renewal of Christian discipleship. It helps participants to discover grace in their lives and how they can bring grace to others. The Walk to Emmaus is spiritually energizing. I lost my fear of change, leaving with the courage and wisdom to begin considering options. For the first time in many years, I believed I had options. I was no longer stuck.

I decided to request a one-year sabbatical rather than the traditional six-month sabbatical I had originally planned. The most significant factor I thought I had to consider was going on half pay for a year. But emerging as equally significant was what I call the identity factor. Who would I be without my work? What would I think of myself? Though I was uncomfortable with these questions, I was ready to explore the unknown.

I began to look into options for shifting to others some of the administrative functions of my position and to lay the groundwork for a one-year leave. I submitted a proposal to begin a research project on life balance that would continue throughout the year. I was determined to find the answers to some of my questions and then share my knowledge.

## Who Is Claire Kent?



How about former student with the Richmond Ballet Company? Or a member of the first co-ed

pageant? Or the Delta Sigma Pi business fraternity at James Madison

University in Harrisonburg, Virginia? Or mother of two teenage daughters? Or dedicated teacher and advisor? Or entrepreneur? Or president of the Blue Ridge Chapter of the American Society for Training and Development? Or partner in a durable marriage?

Claire Kent is all of that and more. An associate professor of business administration, working with traditional, residential undergraduates at Mary Baldwin's main campus in Staunton, she taught and advised older students for 10 years in the Adult Degree Program at the college's Charlottesville Regional Center, which she also helped manage. Earlier, she was a member of the business faculty at Piedmont Virginia Community College.

Kent earned a bachelor's degree in business administration at JMU, graduating *summa cum laude*. She has an MBA, also from JMU. At Mary Baldwin, she teaches management courses, primarily, focusing on women in management, business strategy, organizational behavior, and communication.

Kent operates a coaching and consulting business. She conducts workshops on life balance, communication styles, and how to make coaching part of a work environment.

Kent says she's happy that she has "reached a stage in my career where I can spend most of my time and energy teaching." She says she's proud that her children are "well grounded, caring, and compassionate." That she has helped build "a solid marriage" going into its third decade. And that she continues to "explore my faith and share it with others."

And Kent is still very interested in dance and body movement.

A few months before my sabbatical, I attended a workshop on coaching. I had been interested in mentoring, but the principles and practice of coaching, a much broader concept, appealed to me personally and professionally. One month into my sabbatical, I enrolled in an intensive coach-training program. Coach training requires self-exploration. While learning to help guide others, I was helping myself.

### The Research

Throughout my sabbatical, I researched perceptions of life balance and related factors. I distributed questionnaires, entered data, and analyzed responses. I talked with friends, colleagues, neighbors, church members, and parents of my children's friends. The findings confirmed many things I had been learning on my own. The study revealed six main success factors for achieving balance:

- Defining values and priorities and living accordingly
- Focusing on a spiritual relationship and spiritual direction
- Cultivating rich interpersonal relationships
- Challenging society's definitions of success
- Building flexibility into a work schedule
- Making balance a priority — especially, establishing a shared vision with spouse and family

Respondents identified critical issues they had resolved through altered behaviors and actions:

- Paying attention to personal growth, acceptance, and caring for themselves
- Defining and articulating priorities
- Establishing realistic goals
- Increasing focus on spiritual life
- Tending to the quality of close personal relationships
- Relaxing expectations of family members' actions or behaviors
- Increasing emphasis on balance

Based on preliminary analysis,

- Life balance is an important issue for most respondents.
- People who were deliberate about decisions in their lives increased the likelihood of achieving balance.

Much should be done to improve employer policies that help employees achieve balance. Just half of respondents said policies assisted them. Either policies do not exist in many work environments or employees are not taking advantage of them.

### Where Am I Now?

During my sabbatical, I completed a major part of my research project, designed and tested two formats for life-balance workshops, finished the coach-training program through Corporate Coach U International, and launched a private coaching and consulting practice. I

### Inspiration

Two books inspired me: Mary Ellen Ashcroft's *Balancing Act: How Women Can Lose Their Roles & Find Their Callings* and Patricia D. Brown's *Learning to Lead from Your Spiritual Center*. Ashcroft writes about "calling and identity" and encourages women to find and follow their callings. Brown discusses "spiritwork" and "prayerfulness or prayerlessness." She stresses community and healthy intimate relationships. Both authors encourage the reader to make deliberate choices. I find that this seemingly simple advice is difficult to follow when I am pulled in several directions.

# Arnold Leaps into Spotlight in Atlanta

By Sherry R. Cox '99

returned to WILD to lead several sessions on communication styles and self-discovery, and I accepted a leadership position with my local chapter of the American Society for Training and Development. I now teach at Mary Baldwin.

## What Did I Learn About Myself?

Many things. The most critical: how to have an open and honest relationship with God. I also learned how much I loved working on personal relationships. While building relationships, I discovered patterns of my behavior I wanted to change. Overall, I learned to live according to my own values and priorities instead of someone else's.

## What's Ahead?

Applying all that I've learned will be monumental. The biggest challenge will be to continue on a path of spiritual growth while living in a world filled with tasks and obligations. My goal is to balance time with family and friends with my need to accomplish professional and personal goals and fulfill my obligations.

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## Looking for Balance?

**Begin to make plans, seek out your support system, and take action.**

**Consider hiring a coach or finding a friend so that you can coach each other to bring more balance into your lives.**

**Don't forget about your spiritual life. You can find strength you never had.**

## How Do You Achieve Balance in Your Life?

**Let us know. Send us e-mail at [enews@mbc.edu](mailto:enews@mbc.edu) or a note to *The Magazine*, College Relations, Alumnae House, Mary Baldwin College, Staunton, VA 24401. Share your insights. Be specific. How do you manage the details or juggle your schedule during a day or a week? We hope to gather responses and include excerpts in an upcoming publication. Think about what might help others put their lives in balance — or at least begin to do so.**

Claire "Yum" Arnold '69 has been named the 2002 Small Business Person of the Year by the Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce — and featured in a column in *The Wall Street Journal*.

Arnold is chief executive officer of Leapfrog Services Inc., the



Atlanta-based company she founded with Andrew Feiler, its president, in 1998. Leapfrog provides computer equipment, man-

agement, and support to small and mid-sized businesses — Internet technology services designed to reduce costs, boost efficiency, and safeguard against viruses and hacking. "For most people, today's technology is overwhelming," Arnold told the *Atlanta Business Chronicle*. "And IT is a black hole for money. Companies don't want to spend a fortune, they just want it to work. We have people who can go on site if there are problems, but 90 percent of the time, it's something we can fix remotely. Using very sophisticated equipment, we handle the 'plumbing' so companies can concentrate on what really drives their business." The Leapfrog Web site ([www.ribbit.net](http://www.ribbit.net)) tells more about how Leapfrog keeps businesses "hopping."

Arnold and Leapfrog were cited in the Work & Family column in *The Wall Street Journal* as an example of a newly created business based on a founder's values: providing service, having fun, and helping younger people develop.

A math major at Mary Baldwin, Arnold developed her leadership skills as president of her junior class and the Student Government Association. In 1971 she completed the Harvard Business School Management Training Program, six weeks of concentrating on financial, marketing, and people management. She has taken graduate courses in business administration at

Georgia State University.

Beginning in 1969, Arnold held a variety of positions with Coca-Cola USA, including district manager of Coke New York and project analyst in the Long-Range Planning Department. Arnold managed the development, marketing, and sales of Coke's first plastic beverage containers.

After Coke, in 1979 Arnold acquired an Atlanta distributor of consumer goods to mass merchandisers and convenience stores. As CEO, she guided the company until 1994, when it had grown from 100 to 1,300 employees and expanded from a local, \$32 million one-warehouse operation to a \$1.2 billion business with nine operating units.

Arnold sees business as a teaching mission. She enjoys mentoring and spends many breakfasts and lunches advising younger women. The mother of three grown children, Arnold is amazed that even her daughters refer their associates to her. "As I listen to issues brought up in one-on-one sessions," she said in the *Chronicle*, "I realize that the lessons I have learned these last 30 years of doing business in a predominantly man's world and of combining a career with a family are now regarded as wisdom. In sharing this 'wisdom' with others, I learn more about myself, gain perspective on my mistakes, and find new ways of doing things."

First elected to Mary Baldwin's Board of Trustees in 1985, Arnold has served as its chair since 1999. Both she and husband Ross are former members of the college's Advisory Board of Visitors. Arnold chaired the major gifts portion of the Sesquicentennial Campaign and the initial phase of the recent Leadership Initiative, which raised a record amount for MBC.

Arnold also serves on the boards of directors of three New York Stock Exchange companies: Ruby Tuesday Inc., Schweitzer Mauduit International Inc., and International Multifoods Inc.



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# Education in Afghanistan: Starting Over, with John Gillies

By George Graves

John Gillies, who teaches economics at Mary Baldwin, is among those trying to help rebuild Afghanistan. In the Peace Corps there decades ago, he returned for the first time this past spring as part of a worldwide, United Nations-sponsored assistance program.

Kabul, the capital, "was worse than I expected," said Gillies. "I knew there had been fighting, but the level of devastation was just unbelievably depressing. Everything they had of any value was gone. It was so distressing, so disorienting. These were places that I knew. This was a poor country, but there were nice areas in Kabul: embassies, hospitals, universities. Now it's just mile after mile after mile of destruction. Every school in it, every house in it was just leveled."

Gillies, an adjunct instructor who taught a May Term course in globalization, works for the private, nonprofit Academy for Educational Development, based in Washington, D.C. That organization is advising the Asian Development Bank on how to spend millions of dollars as part of an international effort to provide public education in Afghanistan. That won't be easy, said Gillies, whose job has taken him to other underdeveloped countries in Latin America, Africa, and Asia.

Little remains of what had been a poorly attended, undernourished system — one that was all but demolished by more than a decade of fighting, beginning with Soviet occupation and ending, if it does end, with the defeat of the Taliban. Skirmishes between warlords continue. Assassinations have rocked the shaky central government. The country's stability, at the moment, depends largely on international peacekeeping forces.

With education an early casualty of war, there are few teachers, buildings, and books. And plenty of potential students, though no one knows how many, or where they are exactly, or how much education they may have had. "The complexity of trying to figure out what's going on, much less how to address it, is overwhelming," said Gillies.

"There are no teacher colleges anymore," said Gillies. "There was no purpose in being a professor. It was very dangerous under the Taliban. Nobody has graduated from high school in years. Nobody has graduated from college in years. The last person to have graduated from the 12th grade without war or disruption of some sort is more than 40 years old. There are millions and millions of people whose education never started or it stopped. Some have finished third grade, some have finished sixth grade, some have finished ninth grade. Some are too old for traditional school. There are hundreds of thousands of people who are disabled — everyone who has stepped on a land mine. How are you going to get them to school? You've got the mentally challenged — all of the shell-shocked people. You've got a million orphans. And thousands of widows."

Also, said Gillies, "You've got the teenage soldiers: male, bored, unskilled, unemployed, and armed. It doesn't get any worse than this. They're not going to

fit into a normal school system, and yep, without educational opportunities, their chance of being anything other than bandits is limited."

A typical day in Kabul for Gillies could be tedious as he and other consultants on his team tried to coordinate with Afghan and other officials — and get answers to their most basic questions: What's happening? What do you know? What do you need? "We spent a lot of time trying to set up meetings," he said. "There were no telephones, no cell phones. We tried to get costs and numbers. What does it cost to build a school?"

Despite problems such as entrenched poverty, a long drought, lack of electricity, and land mines everywhere, "everybody is very excited," said Gillies. "Everybody is very happy the Taliban is gone. You see signs of a society coming back to life all over the place. There is music playing again. Every time you look up at the sky, you see kites — little kites, all over the place. It was allowed again. And women are out again."

Not only out and about, women are eager to go to school again, after the Taliban did all it could to discourage them from getting a formal education.

"These are very tough, determined people," said Gillies. Afghans, educated and relatively well off by current standards, are returning from overseas. Aid organizations are assembling billions of dollars. With the information and advice developed by seasoned experts like Gillies, they want to help Afghans return to school as soon as possible while encouraging long-range planning. "The idea was that major donors" — countries

and large organizations — "would come together and create a framework for investment in education and identify specific things they were going to fund," he said.

Afghanistan, said Gillies, should be creative and nontraditional to educate its citizens effectively. "They need a different and flexible way, but it's difficult for

them to really envision this." Instead, the country "has a deeply felt desire to go back to something that existed 25 years ago." Reflecting the views of others, Gillies said what has happened in Afghanistan "is awful, but it's an opportunity."

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## Mary Baldwin President Cynthia H. Tyson kept a diary for two weeks in January.

The daily, personal record has been posted at [collegevalues.org](http://collegevalues.org), the John Templeton Foundation-funded Web site of the *Journal of College and Character*, published by Florida State University's Center for the Study of Values in College Student Development. Tyson was invited to join presidents of other prominent colleges and universities in this ongoing project. Here's a sampling of what she wrote. The complete diary, with photos, is in the "News & Events" section of the Mary Baldwin Web site: [www.mbc.edu](http://www.mbc.edu).

# The Tyson Diary:

Two Weeks in the Life of a College President



Today was Minority Day at Mary Baldwin College, a day honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. not only with tributes but also reflections on the magnificent change he did so much to help bring about. As do all my days, this one began early, and, like many, it ended late — with remarks at a service honoring the great civil rights leader. Among those gathered at First Presbyterian Church were our students, a notably and perhaps surprisingly diverse group. I was hesitant to hear a young woman of color, a senior, tell us that she had never known a time when she had felt uncomfortable in our society. Such conclusions were less likely 34 years ago, when Dr. King died. When my turn to speak arrived, I offered this: "You who were not born here to listen to the stories of those of us who were — to get just a glimpse of how it was and who we were. Then we who were born and there at that time have to listen to you who were not — so that we can get just a glimpse of how it is now and who we all are now."

Today was dominated by issues of money. That should not be surprising. All my days, explicitly or implicitly, are dominated by money. We have a small endow-

ment. Tuition and gifts are very important to us. I began my day with a discussion with our development staff. They estimate, conservatively, that 40 percent of my time is spent raising money. It's probably a lot more.

I sat at a table in the dining hall with the dean of student life for a "chat" day with any students who drop by. I have heard that students like to see us there whether or not they have something to say. I think they look at what we are eating. (For me, it was a Japanese noodle dish and, for dessert, bread pudding with rum-flavored sauce.) More important, I think ready and informal access to the college's leaders helps our young women in their development as leaders themselves.

Most evenings, when I'm on campus, I take a little time but not to eat dinner but to go on the track. I do two miles — I run a mile, and I walk a mile. My goodness, did I need to get out on that track and blow the cobwebs from my mind! Exercising is also a way to see students, who play field hockey and softball nearby. After my run and walk, I felt refreshed, invigorated, ready for a full night of college activities. I split my time between a

basketball game, trust, was forgiven for being overdressed, and a concert by a noted string quartet. Our Fighting Squirrels were winning when I left them at the hall.

I talked with a faculty member today about conditions for women in Afghanistan and about the possibility of this college, with other women's colleges, finding funding — most likely from government sources — to help jump start the education of women in that part of the world. We explored many options such as bringing students and faculty to our campuses, perhaps in the summer, for a concentrated time.

I met with a colleague, a particularly creative person with whom I like to brainstorm. We spent an hour — yes, an hour! — discussing ways to help move the college forward. I was reminded, yet again, that in the press of our days there must be time for free-flowing brainstorming.

I interviewed a candidate for a faculty position at our new campus in Sterling in northern Virginia. We're looking for someone who would be a leader in developing the site, someone with varied skills and background who holds a doctorate

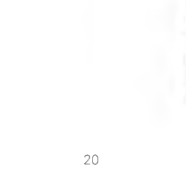
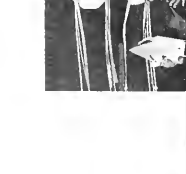
in business administration. I was pleased to see that there are candidates who understand the college, relish her entrepreneurial attitude, and grasp her need to move forward with new programs. I like to talk to job candidates at the end of their day with us to see how they respond to this college, to gauge their impression of us and what we offer.

I talked with a prospective member of the board about the role of trustees. We discussed the never-ending need for balance between the administration and the board of trustees. She observed that in her corporate world, this ongoing balance is necessary between company executives and boards of directors. At Mary Baldwin, our trustees typically do not want to do less. They want to do more. That we should applaud as we guide one another. We need people of wisdom and experience — people with eagerness, expertise, and dedication to the higher-education enterprise. It is a matter of sensing, with something of a devotion, that this task of shaping education — not only in curriculum but also in values — is deeply worthy. It is absolutely essential for the future course of our society. This sounds like a weighty matter. It is.



# Bright Day, Bright Futures

By Morgan Alberts Smith '99



photos by Woods Pence

May 19 was one of the most beautiful days for a Mary Baldwin graduation — sunny but cool. As Dean Jeffrey L. Buller said, “We’ll actually be comfortable in our academic robes.”

At its 160th Commencement, Mary Baldwin College awarded 276 undergraduate and 18 graduate degrees.

The Martha Stackhouse Grafton Academic Award is given to the graduate in the traditional program who has earned the highest cumulative average. This year’s recipient was Jennifer Susan Sparks of Germantown, Tennessee, who entered MBC through the Program for the Exceptionally Gifted. “She is described by faculty and students alike as popular, enthusiastic, reliable, and respectful, willing to help others, and generous with her time,” said Buller in his introduction.

Two of the highest honors given by the college, the Algernon Sydney Sullivan awards recognize fine spiritual qualities, nobility of character, and unselfish service to the broad community. President

Cynthia H. Tyson presented the non-student medallion to Alice Tolley Goodwin '66 of Richmond, Virginia. Tyson noted that Goodwin is “a loving mother to five children, an energetic leader of college and community organizations, an unassuming but generous benefactor, and an inspiration to others who are helping her preserve and enhance Mary Baldwin College.”



The Sullivan student medallion was presented to Kelly Wimmer of Mineral, Virginia. Wimmer also received the Mary Keith Fitzroy Award, which is given to the senior who, in the estimation of the president and dean of the college, has contributed most to the development of the spirit for which Mary Baldwin College stands. Quoting one of Wimmer’s classmates, Diane Kent, dean of student life and career development, described Wimmer as “caring, nonjudgmental, supportive, comforting, easy going, fun, and a very good friend.”

Donia Eley of Pulaski, Virginia, who graduated *cum laude* with an independent major in Appalachian studies, was



Wendy Brown

## Change of Command Marks Graduation for VWIL Cadets

For students in the Virginia Women's Institute for Leadership, one of the highlights of Commencement weekend was the May 18 Change of Command Ceremony. The event serves as the graduation ceremony for cadets who complete all VWIL requirements in addition to the course work necessary for a bachelor's degree.

In his keynote address, U.S. Rep. Robert W. Goodlatte, whose district includes Staunton, said, "Courage, honor, and loyalty, these are the threads of the American fabric. These are things from which true leaders are made. And these are the qualities that the cadets here of the Virginia Women's Institute for Leadership so notably exemplify. So my charge to each of you graduates today is that you will take the time in your life to be an inspiration to another, to be the person who made a difference for someone else and for your country, to help make opportunities for another and, in the process, make the most out of your own lives as well."

The VWIL Corps of Cadets presented a parade with marching band. During the ceremony, the colors were passed from graduating First Captain Erinn Singman to the corps' new commander, First Captain Amanda Bennett.

named the Outstanding Adult Degree Program Graduate. An expansion of her senior thesis on Appalachian pencil artist William Gayheart will be published by McFarland Publishers of Jefferson, North Carolina, as part of its Appalachian Studies series.

The Master of Arts in Teaching Outstanding Student Award was presented to Mary Frances Williams of Powhatan, Virginia. Said Carole Grove, director of the MAT Program, "With a 4.0 GPA in the MAT program, she is clearly hard-working, serious about assignments, striving to get the most from all readings and discussions, and was a great team member on group assignments, infusing a sense of fun into all that was done."

Said Commencement speaker Anita D. Filson '83, judge of the 25th Judicial

District Juvenile and Domestic Relations Courts of Staunton and Lexington and an ADP graduate: "Those of you who are traditional students — traditional for lack of a better term — traditional you most certainly are not. Many of you custom-design your own independent majors. About 10 percent of you, not content with one major, earn double majors. About half of you have worked off campus, averaging about 20 hours per week. Twenty-seven percent of you studied abroad while students at Mary Baldwin. About one-third of you held an elected office." Filson added: "When did you ever have time for fun? Any road trips?"



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Tenea '04, Noshua '05, Cambria '12

## Another Watson Graduates

Cambria Watson was just 14 when she entered Mary Baldwin College, and not quite 18 when she graduated this spring. Few parents have a daughter go to college so young. For Rudy and Aremita Watson, it has become the norm. Cambria is the third Watson sister to graduate from Mary Baldwin through the Program for the Exceptionally Gifted. Noshua graduated in 1995, Tenea in 1993.

Although Rudy Watson acknowledges that his daughters are bright, he believes their academic achievements result from discipline, hard work, and parental expectations. "It's something that's taught," Watson told a *Richmond Times-Dispatch* reporter. "We always knew that children understand more than we give them credit for. They may not be able to articulate or express it, but they understand. You get what you expect."

Cambria balanced academics with a variety of campus activities: Baldwin Program Board, MBC Choir and the Anointed Voices of Praise, and Senate. She played piano and softball, and helped with the basketball team. A communication major, she also worked with the MBC television station, Compact.

The Watsons will not have a daughter at Mary Baldwin this year, but they will continue to be involved in the life of the college. Rudy Watson serves on the Advisory Board of Visitors. Aremita Watson, a former president of the Parents Council, has begun a term on the Board of Trustees.

# Homecoming 2002



## The 2002 Alumnae/i Award Recipients

**(back row)** Holly Dawn Curry '03, Emily Wirsing Kelly Scholarship; Susan Jennings Denson '62, Admissions Volunteer Excellence Award; Tim Kelly; Betty Gwaltney Schutte '52, Service to Community Award; Morgan Elizabeth Frazier '05, Virginia L. Lester Scholarship; **(middle row)** Judy Lipas Garst '63, Emily Wirsing Kelly Leadership Award; Judith Godwin '52, Career Achievement Award, Cynthia H. Tyson, president, **(front row)** Mary Beth Reed Smyth '47, Emily Smith Medallion; former trustee H. Gordon Smyth (not pictured); Rev. Martha Murphy Davis '71, Service to Church Award).

- #1 Eleanor Jamison Supple '42 and her sister Marianna Jamison '47 join Marianna's daughter Mary Hunter Leach '77 as they all celebrate reunions.
- #2 Seniors Julie Haislip, Anna Hensley, and Jen West enjoy the Champagne Brunch.
- #3 Members of the Class of 1957 catch up.
- #4 The Alumnae/i Chapel and Memorial Service is an important part of Homecoming.
- #5 Trudy Rickman, Kim Lam, Jeannette Andrews Stewart, and Lou Hall Bloxom, all Class of 1987, visit during their class dinner.
- #6 Gordon Page, professor emeritus of music, Mopsy Pool Page '48, and Liz Jennings Shupe '70 congratulate Liz's sister Susan Jennings Denson '62, who received the Admissions Volunteer Excellence Award.
- #7 Early risers participate in the 20th Annual Fun Run and Walk.
- #8 Several Grafton Society members enjoy the luau and awards celebration.





#9 What would a reunion be without sharing family pictures with classmates and friends?



#10 Hugs, smiles — what else would you expect from Homecoming?



#11 Senior class officers attend the luau and awards celebration.



#12 The Class of 1982 returned in record numbers.

#13 Amy Guffey Darby, Jennifer Petrusky, Ayten "Tenny" Cibildak, Joy Bigalke Chien, and Tonya McDowell Link, all Class of 1992, visit during their class dinner.



#15, #16 The Adult Degree Program marks its 25th anniversary.

#17 Kathryn Hatley Young, Evie Chapman Brown, Erlene Griffin Eason, and Ruth Hamson Quillen celebrate their 50th.



#18 Alice Ball Watts, Margaret King Stanley, Evie Chapman Brown, Flossie Wimberley Hellinger, Erlene Griffin Eason, and Jane Thurmond Gregory, all Class of 1952, enjoy the reception honoring the reunion team.

#19 The impressive Grafton Society.

*(Photo by Danielle McMillon)*



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# Mary Baldwin College Gift Shop

The Alumnae/i Association funds projects and events for the college through the proceeds from MBC Gift Shop sales. This year that has included the Library Leisure Reading Program, the Spring Fling for the senior class, and display boards for Admissions. Every purchase from the Gift Shop allows the Association to contribute to the continuing success of Mary Baldwin.



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## Ann Atwell: In Service to So Many

By Marisol Euceda '04

Ann Atwell '42 has made a life of helping others, professionally — and volunteering, as a tutor, driver, deacon, and missionary. At 80, she continues to contribute much of her time and effort to her community, San Antonio, Texas.

"It is so much more fun to volunteer than to sit at home and not know what to do with yourself," says Atwell, who retired a decade ago from her job at St. Patrick's church where she was a parish social worker and is a deacon. "Volunteering is rewarding," she said. "It keeps me young."

At North East San Antonio Community Outreach For Older People, Atwell has driven patients to medical appointments, helped in the office, and served on the board. She is a mentor at Northwood Elementary School. She assists the League of Women Voters and the McNary Art Museum. And she has been a member of a variety of nonprofit organizations promoting human rights and aid.

Atwell has lived most of her life in Texas. She spent her first two years in college at Mary Baldwin, completing a bachelor's degree in chemistry at the University of Texas in Austin. Realizing that she would rather work with people than chemicals, she went on to earn a master's degree in social work at the University of Illinois.

Atwell worked for the Girl Scouts of America and Neighborhood Centers Inc. She has been listed in Who's Who Among American Women. Her missionary and volunteer work has taken her to Mexico, Latin America, and Europe. She was profiled recently in a San Antonio newspaper.

At Mary Baldwin, Atwell was on the basketball team, was a member of the choir and hiking club, and was an editor of *Miscellany*. She remains an active alumna. Her Baldwin memories include Apple Day, having to wear hats and gloves when she went into town, and munching brownies and sipping ginger ale at "Mrs. Fannie's," the home of an MBC instructor of German.

"Mary Baldwin was a great experience," says Atwell, "not just the academics but the whole atmosphere."

## Alumnae/i Association President's Letter

Dear friends,

It's difficult to believe that my two-year term as president of the Alumnae/i Association has ended. What a wonderful experience it was to serve our alma mater in this way. I had the special opportunity to travel and meet so many alums during my 10 years of service on the Board of Directors. I not only made new friends and renewed old acquaintances, I had the chance to learn about the college in ways I would not have been able to otherwise.

The twice yearly full board meetings allow members to see the college campus firsthand and marvel at the changes that inevitably take place. Meetings also provide a forum for faculty, administration, and program directors to speak with volunteers about admissions, program development, fund-raising activities and regional alumnae/i events around the nation.

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I am delighted to turn the gavel over to Sue McDowell Whitlock '67, who will lead the Alumnae/i Association the next two years with great skill and enthusiasm. It has been my privilege to volunteer for Mary Baldwin, and I wish you the opportunity to have the same satisfaction that the experience has given me — and will continue to give me — in the years ahead.

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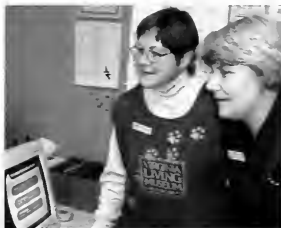
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Pictured (left to right) are **PATRICIA "PATTY" LIEBERT** Riddick '61 and **CAROL "LESLIE" CADELL** Bowie '71, working together at the Virginia Living Museum in Newport News, VA, where Patty is a volunteer and Leslie is director of volunteer services.



**FLORENCE "DEE" BRANDON** Allison '75 of Barboursville, WV, was selected scholar-in-residence by the Center for the Liberal Arts at UVA to study abroad in Angers, France for four weeks in July 2001. Dee is shown visiting with Jenny, Kostas, and Zogou Roonen, former MBO French professor at Jenny's home in Paris.



**SHELBY POWELL** Drinkard '89 married Rodney S. Drinkard November 10, 2001 in Atlanta, MD on a bus. Pictured (left to right) are bridesmaids **TRACEY COTE** Allen, **REBECCA WALKER** Shelby, **SHARON AKEL** Muse, **AMY GAVIGAN** Russell '90 and **LISA BAKER** Wicklund '90.

**RACHEL HASSELL** Stevens has been thinking of moving into a retirement residence, but is still in good health and involved in a variety of activities. She lives in Reelfoot, NC.

**ALICE JONES** Thompson of Virginia Beach, VA has five grandchildren to keep up with. She reports that granddaughter Alice will attend Davidson College this fall; granddaughter Haven graduated from high school and may go to college in Edinburgh, Scotland; grandson W. Thompson is a freshman at Maryland; daughter Lisa's son graduated from UVA; and Lisa's second son attends the University of Richmond.

**ALMEYDA SPRATLEY** Peyton of Richmond, VA reports that husband Armand died December 14, 2001.

## 1941

**MARTHA FARMER** Chapman of Dothan, AL visited the college last year while attending a W&L reunion with husband Charles. She writes that the campus is still beautiful and she was very excited to return in May 2001 for her reunion.

**LOUISE KINKEL Boehmke** says husband William died in August 2001. "We had 85 years of happiness together," Louise lives in Sarasota Springs, FL.

**MALVINE PAXTON** Graham is a reading mentor for the HOSTS Program, Help One Student to Succeed, in an elementary school of Puaski, VA. The program, founded in 1981 in Vancouver, WA, is a model by the U.S. Department of Education. Malvine volunteers each week to help two second grade students with reading writing, and study skills.

**DALE PETERS** Bryant writes that this December 2001 death of her friend and freshman roommate **BETTY ELLEN WILCOX** Armstrong brought her back to memories of her MBO years. Dale resides in Maryland, Md and continues to audit classes at Dartmouth College.

**MARY ELLEN THOMAS** Moorhead of Lynchburg, VA now receives home care and reports that she suffers from osteoporosis and Parkinson's. She says she "loves" lives Mary Baldwin College, is "social" and cherishes memories of time spent on campus.

## 1942

**JEAN ANDERSON** Nicewander is enjoying her two grandchildren while trying to "keep going and remain healthy." She resides in Staunton, VA with husband Calvin.

**JANE CRAIG** Morrison of Kennett Square, PA enjoyed a yearly mini-reunion in 2001 in Alexandria, VA with classmates

**MARGARET "PEGGY" MEREDITH Darden**, **LAURA ELIZABETH "LIZ" LUCK** Stiles and husband Joe, **EVELYN ENGLEMAN** Mathews and husband Larry, and **ANNE HAYES** Brown Davis and husband John.

**ANNE HAYES** Brown Davis of Greensboro, NC married John L. Davis two years ago in April and writes, "We are so lucky. We feel like 'honeymooners'!" Anne has 10 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. Wife John has 10 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

**MARGARET McDONALD** White of King William, VA reports that she now has two great-grandchildren.

**GLADA MOSES** Beard and husband Paul of Sumner, WA are frequent travelers. They will join daughter Barbara and her family for a two-week vacation in Brittany this year.

**JANET WERNER** Harris of Pecos, NM writes that she is "staying well and enjoying life."

## 1943

**MARY BULLOCK** Morris has six grandchildren and one great-granddaughter. She lives in Louisville, KY with husband E.L.

**FRANCES KNIGHT** Nollet and husband Bob sold their upstairs New York home and now live in Ontario, FL. They enjoy their Cessna 440, playing golf, traveling, and being involved with First Presbyterian Church in Ontario.

**RUTH PETERS** Sproul and husband A. Burke of Staunton, VA moved into their newly built house in January 2002. She is excited to have an upstairs studio and reports that she is enjoying good health with only a few aches and pains. Ruth says all her sons are doing well, and she has a "lovely" great-grandson.

## 1944

**DOROTHY CLEVELAND** Robb is excited about her upcoming 80th birthday in September 2002. She retired from her business as a consultant and enjoys a busy life with husband Edwin in Wayzata, MN.

**BETTY ANN "COOKIE" COOKE** Wood writes that she continues to enjoy grand-mothering. She and husband Arthur live in Dallas, TX.

**GRACE DRYDEN** Venable of Towson, MD says, "All is well with us, the children and grandchildren. We're beginning to think 'retirement home', but we're not in a hurry."



**ROSINA HEYWOOD** Bolen '90 (center) married Aaron Miller May 27, 2001, on the beach in Islamorada, FL. Pictured (left to right) are bridesmaids **DAMARIS CHRISTENSEN** '90, Lynne Woehrlé, sister and matron of honor **MARGARET BOLEN** Mamon '88, and new sister-in-law Jacquelyn Miller Zischke.



**MARY COCKE** Read '92 married Kenneth Edward Read of Athens, GA March 10, 2001. Mary Baldwin alumnae in attendance are (left to right) **AIMEE RAY** '92, **MICHELLE PALMER** Bedell '90, **PAULA BUSH** Krosky '92, **SUSAN O'DONNELL** Black '92, the bride, **KATHERINE BROWN** '92, **STEPHANIE SALVILLA** Werking '93, **HEATHER JACKSON** '92 and friend **Cherie Sanders** Page.



**DAHANN "BUFFY" DEBREAUX**-Watts '93 of Fort Washington, MD married Clyde Watts Jr. September 1, 2001. Alumnae in attendance are (left to right) **EMILY OEHLER** '93, **CHRISSANDRA "CHRISSEY" PRICE** Smith '95, the bride and groom, **GINA BROWN** '00, **SUZANNE "SUSIE" KIERSON** Miller '91, **KIMBERLY "KIM" FISHER** Wood '92, **MARY FRANCES "FRANCIE" HUFFSTETLER** Teer '92, **CHARONWOOD** Hines '95, and **REBECCA GIBSON** '92.

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**KATHERINE "KIT" KIVLIGHAN** Carter of Fort Defiance VA is still playing lots of tennis. She writes, "I am so proud of Mary Baldwin and our wonderful president, PEG, ADP, and WVIL have put us on the map!"

**LAURA MCMANAWAY** Andrews and husband Bill celebrated their 50th anniversary September 15, 2001, and then had a wonderful time taking a three-week Elderhostel trip to New Zealand in November. Laura and Bill reside in Auburn WA.

## 1945

**ANN DOWDELL** Stauss and husband Edward of New Orleans LA are enjoying their seven grandchildren. Three live in Baton Rouge, so they are able to see them often.

**MARGARET EARLE** Baker of Bronxville NY was saddened by the death of roommate and classmate **LOUISE PLAGE Neilson**. Margaret is enjoying retirement, volunteers at her church and local hospital, and plays golf in the summer and lots of bridge in the winter.

**ANN WHITEHEAD** Thomas of Round Hill VA reports that husband Rogers died in February 2001. She says she is fortunate that her daughter's family, including three small children, live nearby.

## 1946

**HELEN BLACK** Sinnott of Southbury CT reports that husband John died on April 20, 2001.

**JOYCE CRAIG** Buttenworth of Birmingham AL visited with retired MBC professor Patricia H. Menk in Staunton in February. "She took me to Mary Baldwin to see all the changes. It was nice to run into Dr. Tyson while there."

**MARGARET "PEGGY" DAVIS** Evans of York PA has a third grandchild getting married in September 2002, and "only three more to go!" She has one great-granddaughter, Hanna, 2

**VELMA KATHERINE "KANDY" NEWBILL** Booth writes that she is "just enjoying life, staying busy with various activities." She has five grandchildren: three in Meridian MS, where she resides, and two in Alabama.

**FRANCES WAGENER** Tebbis and husband Charley of Vero Beach FL are "enjoying a relaxed lifestyle at a lovely retirement home. No cooking, no cleaning, just lots of fun!"

## 1947

**HARRIETTE "HAPPY" CLARKE** Thorne and husband Bill of Darien CT enjoyed a trip to Ireland in May 2001 with her sister **MARGARET "MAGGIE" CLARKE** Kirk '48, and Bill's sister and her husband. She said the weather was perfect and the people were charming. Happy attended the 55th reunion of her class in May 2002.

**MARGARET "JO" FARRIS** Huff of St. Matthews SC has been working to establish Friends of the Library for her county library.

**HARRY LEE THOMPSON** Billington of Franklin TN writes, "Life goes on at a fast pace with me. Business, travel, and just life keep me very busy, thank goodness!"

## 1948

**ANN LUCAS** Hite and husband James enjoyed a winter cruise last year that went from Costa Rica through the Panama Canal and the Caribbean. In October 2001 the couple, who reside in Forest VA, spent a week traveling in California and Nevada.

**MARGARET "MAGGIE" CLARKE** Kirk of Durham NC had a wonderful trip to Ireland in May 2001 with her sister **HARRIETTE "HAPPY" CLARKE** Thorne '47 and Harriette's husband Bill. Maggie stays busy volunteering, studying, and tutoring adults and children. She says she is blessed with good health and loves to fly to visit her children and play with grandchildren.

**HELEN DE VORE** Mattenson of St. Louis MO says, "It is a delight to talk to classmate **ELIZABETH "LIB" HARDIN** Taylor. Both of us are enjoying what we can with our husbands, who have Alzheimer's."

**JEAN WALLACE** Blount writes that she and husband Bill moved into a "lovely retirement community" in Irmo SC. She also reports they are "still traveling these beautiful United States in our motor home."

## 1949

**MARY "LEE" DOREMUS** Burgess of New London NH reports that her son-in-law died in the New York terrorist attack September 11, 2001.

**MERCER PENDLETON** Watt of Thomasville GA reports that husband William Vance Watt died January 4, 2002.

**MARGARET "PEGGY" WARREN** Albright says that she and husband James L. Miles of Jackson TN "downsized and moved into a zero lot and just love it. It's so much easier to take care of." She also writes that she got a dog last Christmas and is "nutty on the subject. It's like another child."

## 1950

**JEANNE ASHBY** Furrh recently moved from her home in Franklin VA into a nearby retirement village.

**BARBARA CONLON** Mieschet says she enjoyed a beautiful fall in Terra Haute IN. Husband Guido was in Switzerland in October 2001 for his 60th prep school reunion, where he "climbed and climbed mountains." Barbara also reports that her sister **MARY CONLON Schull** '40 died in January 2001.

**MARY CARPENTER** Graham of Charleston SC is enjoying retirement and her antique collectibles business.

**JOANN MITCHELL** Grier had a great time with classmate **MARY HORTON Waldron** when Mary visited Joann's home in Salisbury MD. "We hugged and laughed and talked and talked."

**PENNIE WEST** Covington of Atlanta was deeply touched by the death of classmate **JACQUELINE "JACKIE" EDWARDS Cohen**. Pennie writes, "She had been a close friend for 54 years. I miss her."

## 1951

**PATRICIA ANDREW** Goodson is enjoying family, friends, and church as well as "doing a bit of gardening, traveling, and golf." Husband George underwent two major surgeries last fall, but is well now. They live in Newport News VA.

**LILLIAN BEDINGER** Taylor of Washington D.C. writes, "Just wanted to say our reunion in May 2001 was excellent!!"

**JEAN KYLE** Hedges of Arlington VA had a great time at her 50th reunion in May 2001.

**VIRGINIA ANN ROSEN** Strickler of Staunton VA is retired, but works in the Augusta County Treasurer's Office each March. She stays busy caring for husband Walter.

**JANE STANLEY** Chislett of Lake Wylie SC is "very much involved in volunteer work."

**MARILYN WALSETH** Gano enjoyed her 50th class reunion at Mary Baldwin in May 2001. She and husband Bob recently took a cruise, "Atlantic Canada," that included travel to Newfoundland, Labrador, and Nova Scotia. She says they just made it back before the tragic events of September 11.

## 1952

**ALICE BALL** Watts sings alto with the San Antonio Choral Society. The 95-member group frequently performs concerts and recorded a successful CD. She also plays piano for her church's early service and is a member of Bibliophiles, a book club.

**LESLIE "BETSY" BOOTH** divides time between her home in Charlottesville VA and New York City, where she works part time as program director and meeting planner for The Conference Board.

**JEANNETTE BYRD** Hanson of Rancho Palos Verdes CA reports that her granddaughter got married.

**LUCY JONES** of Memphis TN writes that she stays active enjoying gardening and flower arranging.



**NANCY KESSLER Ray** of Fort Lauderdale FL celebrated the birth of her first grandson December 22, 2001, and "made it to the big 50" in May at Mary Baldwin.

**PATRICIA "PATSY" MURPHEY Whitman** of Stamford CT traveled to Paris and Sante Fe NM this summer. She is preparing the PMW Gallery in her 1840 Greek Revival house for its fall exhibition: sculpture, using industrial webbing and netting, by a Connecticut artist. Patsy was listed incorrectly as a member of the Class of 1951 in spring *Columns*.

**ANN LE STOURGEON Harris** and husband John of Raleigh NC have three daughters, two sons-in-law, and four grandchildren. After Hurricane Fran, four and a half years ago, the couple moved from their home into a townhouse. Ann recently wrote, "Our bags were at the door on September 11 to depart in two hours for Warsaw and Eastern Europe. We are so grateful that we had not already left before the bombing in New York!"

**DOROTHY PAYNE Nash** of Knoxville TN celebrated the birth of her sixth grandchild, a baby girl, on December 27, 2001. Dorothy retired from teaching math at the end of spring semester 2002.

**BILLIE JEAN SMITH Towlen** of Winchester VA continues to improve her walking and balancing after a serious auto accident years ago. Daughter **TINA JEANTOWLEN Bril '80** manages a Christian bookstore in Staunton VA. Son Todd is a graduate of Lord Fairfax Community College.

**MAY "MAY JACK" THORNTON McCavit** and husband Paul have twin 4-year-old grandchildren, Kylie Rose and Dylan Paul McCavit. "Kylie Rose might be interested in attending Mary Baldwin College when she grows up."

**DIANE TRUETT Roberts** and husband Dr. Albert Roberts of Dallas TX built a new home designed by son Truett, who also lives in Dallas with wife Carroll and daughter Sara, 14. Daughter Hillary lives in NY with husband Bob Marx and daughter Carina, 3. Albert works at Southwestern Medical School in the University of Texas Health Science Center.

**JANE WOODRUFF Lucas** of Charlotte NC is enjoying her eight grandchildren, ages 4 months to 16.

## 1953

**HELEN HARROD Thompson** of Ardmore OK was incorrectly referred to as Helen Heim Thomson in the 1953 Class Notes section of winter 2001 Magazine.

**MARY "MARY JO" SHILLING Shannon** has a nonfiction book, *Keeping Time: How We Measure and Control It*, under consideration by two publishers. She had a story published in *Highlights* in December 2000, a poem published in the March 2001 edition of *Cricket*, and is writing a history for the 100th anniversary of Presbyterian Homes and Family Services Inc. in 2003. Mary Jo lives in Roanoke VA with husband Harry and stays active at Raleigh Court Presbyterian Church.

**JANE TUCKER Mitchell** of Greensboro NC reports that she is still enjoying retirement.

**ALICE WELCH Daggett** of Fort Worth TX volunteers her time as a discussion leader for Bible Study Fellowship as well as a prayer chapter leader for Concerned Women of America. Alice writes that her two children, Melinda of Fort Worth TX and Charles of Scottsdale AZ, are both married. Hubbard Dan works in software management for Lockheed in Fort Worth.

**JO ANNE VAMES Stamus** of Roanoke VA keeps busy with her four grandchildren: two in Pittsburgh PA and two in Charlotte NC.

## 1954

**MARY "MARY CAROL" CRESWELL Short** of Xenia OH moved back into her house, which had been hit by a tornado. She reports that "everyone is doing great."

**VIRGINIA "GIG" EVERSOLE Herdman** and husband Ron of Houston TX were on campus November 11, 2001. She writes, "What a difference from that little southern girl's school that I attended!" She and Ron welcomed new grandson Joseph Henry Herdman on December 19, 2001. The couple has eight grandchildren.

**ADDIE MCCLAUGHLIN Ours** was recently appointed to the West Virginia Commission on The Arts. She and husband George live in Petersburg WV.

**ANN SHAW Miller** of Raleigh NC reports that husband Meredith died August 22, 2001. She says they managed to spend some time this past year in their new log home in Boone NC. Ann is active in her church as a deacon, media director, trustee, and a member of several committees. She enjoys frequent visits with **KATHLEEN "BETSY" KENIG Byford '68**, also of Raleigh NC.

**MARY STUART Lewis** announces the birth of new grandson Jackson Robert Lewis, March 19, 2002. In August, Mary will present a paper at the International Musicological Society in Louvain, Belgium, and then will travel to Denmark to visit her daughter and granddaughter. Mary resides in Pittsburgh PA.

**ELIZABETH SWITZER Zirkle** of Harrisonburg VA reports that she has eight grandchildren.

**DORA LEEWILEY Brown** of Charlotte NC announces the June 1, 2002, wedding of daughter Lee Ann Brown to Tony Tom at Dorland Presbyterian Church in Hot Springs VA.

**ASHLIN WYATT Smith** writes that she and husband Lloyd now have a second home on Dividing Creek in Northumberland County VA, where they stay when not in Charlottesville. Ashlin continues to paint and draw.

**ELEANOR "LEE" YEAKLEY Gardner** of Bellevue WA traveled to Staunton VA to see her mother in March and April. She also visited the MBC campus.

## 1956

**PATRICIA BOWIE Davis** of Harlingen TX reports that after her 48th reunion in May 2001, she and her family traveled to Pinehurst NC in June. In August, she went with a group to the Canadian Rockies, Victoria, Vancouver, and Seattle, which she described as "beautiful!" Patricia enjoyed spending Christmas with eldest son Rick and family in Midland TX.



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**JULIA KING '92** and Robert Taylor, Mary Baldwin College of Staunton, VA, were married June 23, 2001. The reception was held in the MBC Student Activities Center. Mary Baldwin alumnae pictured in Tysar Terrace are (l to r) **KAREN WOODWOOD '92**, **SARAH ESCHINGER Milholland '92**, the bride, **ANNE HOREHLED King '72**, and **NANCY THACKSTON Deel '92**.



1992 classmates reuniting at a baby shower January 12, 2002, in honor of **SUSAN O'DONALD Black** are (l to r) **MARY COCKE Read**, Susan, and **KATHERINE BROWN**. Mary and Katherine traveled from Memphis TN to attend the shower in Susan's hometown of Canal Winchester OH.



**CARMEN RODRIGUEZ '93** (l) and MBC roommate **MARYLON HAND BARKAN '93** (r) are shown vacationing on the Isle of Burano, outside Venice Italy in March 2001.



**JENNIFER "JEN" CORNELIUS Horstman '95** and MBC friends had a wonderful time during their annual trip to Litchfield Beach SC. Pictured (l to r) are (front row) **EUGENIE PRIEUR '95**, **PAIGE CROCKETT '95**, Jen, (back row) **JULIE DYESS '95**, **MYRA JOHNSTON Dorey '93**, **ELIZABETH THRIFT '93**, and **ANNA HABISREUTINGER Converse '95**.

**BARBARA HUNTER Stone** and husband Henry of Vero Beach FL are looking forward to taking a trip around the world starting December 1, 2002. The couple divides time of North Carolina. Barbara enjoys talking often with classmate **DIANA "DINEY" REDE Cabell** of Staunton VA.

**BETTYE HURT Ingram** of Harlan KY writes that she and husband John are "counting our blessings of good health and enjoying retirement."

**KATHERINE "KATY" KELLER Maultsby** of Burlington NC reports that she stays busy with eight grandchildren.

**ELIZABETH MALONE** of Shorewood WI volunteers in the health office at her granddaughter's grade school. She recently wrote, "Most of my time and energy goes into helping raise grandchildren. We are expecting the eighth one in the spring, a little boy, 18 months, from India."

**ELLAWELLS "DUTCHIE" MILLIGAN Williams** of Matthews NC recently celebrated the birth of her eighth grandchild.

**ANN RITCHIE McHugh** moved in July 2001 to Corneia GA to be near the mountains and her relatives. She recently "had great fun" at a party at the home of **WINFRED "WINI" BOGGS Myrick '54**, where she saw **JULIA "JUDY" VANN Kenan '54**, **ANN ROBINSON Brown '54**, **M. ELIZABETH "LIZ" DE LOACH '54**, **"MARGARET NEEL" QUERY Keller '55**, and **JULIANNE "JULIE" RAND Brawner '57**. Ann plans to travel to France in August and September 2002.

**CLARE TROTTI Stephens** and husband Hugh moved from Houston TX to Asheville NC. She would love to hear from classmates.

## 1957

**BARBARA BULLOCK Williams** of Houston TX retired in June 2001 after 30 years at the Kinkaid School. Her first venture was taking "a bruser of a course" to become a docent at Bayou Bend, a house museum owned by the Museum of Fine Arts. Barbara reports that son John, 39, married a New Orleans girl October 13, 2001, and it was the first wedding for both "How exciting it was!"

**TINA CACCIAPAGLIA Naylor** retired from teaching in Fairfax County in June 2001. She and husband William of Burke VA have three grandchildren, the latest born in January 2002.

**ANN DENNY Kirschert** and husband Robert moved from Corrales NM, where they spent 10 years, to her hometown of Fort Worth TX in March 2001. She says they are happily settled in an older neighborhood.

**SHERILL GERDING Miller** reports that she is retired and has three married sons and 10 grandchildren. She resides in New Bern NC with husband James.

**SHANNON GREENE Mitchell** of Greensboro NC reports that three of her children, Paige, Chris, and **LINDSAY MITCHELL Scarisbrick '86** live in Charlotte NC. Her fourth child, son

Patrick, is the design director of both *Fast Company* and *Inc.* magazines, and won a National Magazine Award for design in 2000.

**MARGARET "PEGGY" JORSTAD Lucas** of Fishersville VA continues to enjoy her husband William's retirement, which, she says, makes it easier to travel. Last summer they made a second trip to visit their daughter who works in Anchorage AK. Peggy and William stay busy with church and community activities, as well as with other interests and hobbies.

**JULIE RAND Brawner** and husband Jim of Atlanta have 11 grandchildren, several of whom live in Atlanta. Jim recently retired after 37 years in an internal medicine practice. "Also, we built a family house on an island in Maine and hope to spend more time there - with and without grandchildren!"

**NANCY RHODAS Miller** retired from the Worldwide Ministries Division of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and now volunteers for missions at local and presbytery levels. She enjoys sailing with husband Robert and spending time with her four children and their families, especially three pre-school grandchildren.

**SALINDA SMITH Kincard** of Stonybrook NY announces the birth of new grandson Cotton W. Kincard, born September 7, 2001, in Bismarck ND.

**ADA LOU WORTH Turner** of Williamsburg VA writes, "I'm keeping busy with gardening the whole backyard (a flower bed), painting (all the walls in this house were beige), babysitting or visiting my two grandchildren, and a little traveling." She says hello to all her classmates who attended the 45th reunion this past May, and plans to come to the 50th in five years.

## 1958

**BARBARA ALLAN Hite** of Norfolk VA teaches developmental English part time at the Portsmouth VA campus of Tidewater Community College. Barbara is also a playwright and will have her play *Manuela* and the *General* produced in Norfolk in January 2003. *Manuela* and the *General* was performed in the Fletcher Collins Theatre at Mary Baldwin College in 2000.

**CAROLYN GRIFFIS Smith** of Frederick MD writes that she and husband George have "an adorable grandson, our first! What a joy he is!"

**PATRICIA GWYNN Taft** and husband Agassiz recently sold their home in Canandaigua NY and moved to Fair Haven NY.

**A. "KAY" HUMPHREY Pancake** of Huntington WV is owner and agent of Coldwell Banker Pancake Realty Co. She spends much of her time with 10 grandchildren, is a member of Habitat of Huntington, treasurer of Riverview Manor, and is vice moderator of West Virginia Presbyterian Women.

**NANCY WILLIAMS Deacon** of Waynesboro VA reports that two new grandchildren arrived in May 2001, for a total of four. She says all live within a hundred miles of her. "It's great!"

**PERRY WORNOM Moore** remains in real estate management, owning and operating a small shopping center in Williamsburg VA, where she lives.

**MERITA LONG Webster** of Charlotte NC reports that husband Stanley died May 8, 2001.

**LYDIA WOODS Peale** is enjoying retirement, traveling, and four grandchildren. She resides in Palmyra VA.

## 1959

**PATRICIA CHIPMAN Lewis** of Rockledge FL enjoys spending time with grandchildren and great-grandchildren as well as taking cruise vacations with her daughters.

**CARLANA LINDSTROM Lane** of Pascagoula MS reports that husband Dewey is retired. They spent two months at a mission hospital in Kenya and have traveled to China several times. Carlane and Dewey have four grandsons. Their children live in Los Angeles, Princeton NJ, and Darien CT.

## 1960

**ANN BALLARD Van Eman** of Houston TX writes that she, husband Glenn, and daughters Allison and Laura took a "fabulous Caribbean cruise" to Cozumel, Playa Del Carmen, Cancun, Grand Cayman Island, and Key West, where they "swam with the stingrays!"

**REBEKAH LEWIS Krivsky** and husband Jarry have been "downsizing." They purchased a 65-year-old house in Clayton GA and enjoy being able to walk two blocks to downtown. They enjoy time spent with their three grandchildren.

## 1961

**SHIRLEY CORBIN Menendez** of Gaithersburg MD has a children's book coming out this September entitled *Allie the Christmas Spider*.

**MARY CLOUD HAMILTON Hollingshead** enjoyed seeing **LAURA O'HEAR Church '82**. Laura's husband David, and their two sons Christopher and Franklin when the family visited Mary Cloud at her home in Clark'sboro NY. The boys especially liked playing with twin day-old lambs. Mary Cloud also visited with classmate **BEVERLY "BEV" GREAR Hurt** who attended the Philadelphia Flower Show and stayed with Mary Cloud during the BBB&E event (Bed, Breakfast, Blossoms & Barns Exhibit), sponsored by The Junior League of Philadelphia.

**KAY HUNDLEY Fisher** and husband Robert moved to San Francisco CA and would love to hear from any MBC alumnae in the area.

**PAT GOSHORN Ball** and husband Jordan had a great time traveling to Switzerland and the Czech Republic with classmate **ELIZABETH "BETSY" BURTON Crusel** and husband "Happy."

**PATRICIA "PATTY" LIEBERT Riddick** and **CAROL "LESLIE" CADELL Bowie '71** were surprised to discover they were both MBC alumnae. Patty and Leslie have been working together over the past year at the Virginia Living Museum in Newport



**ALEXIS GRIER Reid '95** and Lagoon Farnold Reid of Staunton, VA were married October 6, 2001 at First Presbyterian Church in Winchester, VA. Celebrating the wedding are MISC alumnae: **LEE THOMPSON Vermillion '95**, **ELIZABETH MORGAN '95**, **SUSAN KELLAM '94**, **MELISSA LAMBERT '95**, the groom and bride, **CARLA CUSTIS '95**, **PENNY JENKINS '95**, **GARNETT CLYMER '95** and **MARY MORRISON '95**. Attending but not pictured were **JACQUELINE "JACKIE" NICHOLAS HOTT '89** and **ANNE HESS Mamon '89**.

Attending the wedding of **ANNE SCOTT Carter '95** to David Wilson Carter August 11, 2001 are Mary Baldwin friends: to the **ALLISON "ALLIE" COMPTON '95**, **JANET BOYKIN '96**, **CARLA BAKER Bennett '95**, **CHERYL SERFOZO '95**, the bride, **KRISTA CORBETT Smith '86**, **KRISTEN VILSECK Scott '94** and **ELAINE "RAND" HARGETT Mauck '95**.

News VA. Patty is a volunteer and Leslie is the director of volunteer services. Together they have introduced "Sue," the Museum's new software program used to track volunteer hours and assignments. They invite everyone to visit the Living Museum as it celebrates its 50th anniversary next year. "It's a super place to volunteer—such nice people and something new and exciting every day," reports Patty.

**ANNE PONDER Dickson** of Dallas has been serving as chairman on a committee to select an architect for Performing Arts High School in the Dallas arts district. She also served as co-chair for the Bond election campaign. Anne writes that she has been introducing her 2-year-old granddaughter to horses and cows.

**OLIVIA ROGERS Guggenheim** moved from Little Rock AR to Providence RI to be closer to her children and grandchildren. She would love to hear from any classmates living in the Providence area.

**KATHERINE SMITH Tinker** of Ashland VA has three grandchildren: Tucker, Kate, and Sydney. She enjoys time spent with retired husband Bill and creating wood sculptures.

**CAROL WORNOM Sorensen** of Williamsburg VA writes, "Same good life. Busy with golf, church, the Jamestown Yorktown Foundation, part time teaching, and best of all, my oldest son has our only grandson Foster, 3, a bright, fun and entertaining young man!"

## 1962

**ANN ALEXANDER Cook** is a member of Rocky Mount VA Town Council.

**MARGARET "PEGGY" DICKSON Marsh** of Alexandria VA writes, "My children are grown and out of the nest. Now my life is consumed by four beautiful, articulate, intelligent birds. So much fun!"

**MARY ANNE GILBERT Kohn** and husband Frank have one grandchild, Caroline. Mary Anne paints mostly full time now and is a juried member of The Watercolor Society of Atlanta as well as being represented by Artists Incorporated in her hometown of Birmingham.

**DOUGLAS LAUGHON Wallace** of Richmond VA has been in residential real estate for 28 years. She reports that husband Ray retired from teaching and worked in the 2002 General Assembly. They enjoy time spent with grandson Jason C.

**AMELIA "MIMI" MCKINNON Shemill** regrets missing her class reunion on May 6. "My cottage business, Baskets & Flowers, a great farm with five grandchildren, and aging with Charlie aboard 'Crucibles' keeps me on the go and very busy!"

**ROBERTA MONTGOMERY** of Berkeley CA was ordained by The Chaucerian Institute for Arts & Interfaith Ministries May 6, 2002. She is planning to open a spiritual direction office in the North Bay area.

**SHIRLEY QUARLES Baird** is planning to move back to Santa AL when she finishes working on her family home there. Shirley is a professional artist, recently exhibiting her art at her gallery in Montgomery. She continues to be accepted in state, national, and international competitions.

**MARGARET "PEGGY" SAUNDERS Hayes** and husband Richard of Hampton VA enjoy their four grandchildren: three boys and one girl.

**ELIZABETH "BETSY" SCOTT Featherstone** of Richmond VA has three grandchildren she keeps in her home every day from 7 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. "I drive car pool, go to soccer games—acting like a young mother all over again, except with 62-year-old bones!"

**MARTHA WADE Bradford** and husband John of Birmingham AL have six grandchildren. She regrets missing her class reunion in May.

**JO WHITTLE Thomson** enjoyed working with the class of '62 reunion at Mary Baldwin this past May.

## 1963

**LYNN BUTTS Preston, SHEARERTROX-ELL Luck, and BECKY CANNADAY Merchant** took their husbands with them to Savannah GA for a get-together in April. The classmates stayed on Tybee Island near Savannah, and traveled to

Cumberland Island GA and the Okefenokee Swamp, where they enjoyed a guided boat tour and hiking. They are all looking forward to their 40th class reunion in May 2003.

**FRANCES "BITTY" DAVIS TenBrook** of Wilbraham MA reports that she has been helping husband John cope with colon cancer and the aftereffects of surgery. She writes, "It has been difficult recovering from the surgery, but the cancer is gone, praise God!"

**PATRICIA "PAT" FISHER McHold** of Annapolis MD completed a project for the Alex Haley Foundation providing art for a dozen plaques featuring text from Roots.

**CHERE FOYE Hewlett** and husband William of Redlands CA traveled to Mexico, Greece, Turkey, and Scotland last year.

**ANN "TERRY" GEGGIE Fridley** continues to work for the Allegheny County school system as coordinator of gifted programs. Terry lives in Covington VA with husband Harrison.

**BARBARA "BUNNY" WISHART Johnson** of Westminster MD received a cochlear implant, "bionic ear" at Johns Hopkins in March. She can't yet understand speech. Her brain is learning to translate electronic impulses after 40 years of deafness. Bunny says it's a long, slow process, but is grateful she's a very good lip reader.

## 1964

**CAROLYN CLEMMER McCulley** of New Bern NC says she likes being retired and discovering many new facets of life. She and husband Michael continue to enjoy sailing and recently sang in an international choral music festival in Bern Switzerland.

**PAULA GREENLEE Barber** of San Jose CA reports that she enjoyed traveling this past year.

**LAURA HOLBROOK Hardwick** and husband Pearce of Atlanta have two grandsons, Charlie, 13 months, of Atlanta, and Oscar, 6 months, of Barcelona Spain.

**MARY KERR Denny** of San Antonio TX spent a "wonderful Thanksgiving week" in Mexico and Belize with her family in 2001. In early February 2002, she was in Abu Dhabi, capital of the United Arab Emirates, as a guest of the country. She was invited to attend the Arab Women's Media Forum, a two-day event that drew delegates from all 22 Arab countries and was hosted by Sheikh Fatima bint Mubarak, queen of Abu Dhabi. Mary was one of only four American women attending the conference and was later treated to several days of sightseeing. She reports, "The UAE is an amazing place, the people are friendly, and the Arab hospitality incredible." Her invitation was a result of a recommendation from the National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations, based in Washington DC.

**ANN NIMMO Barry** of Roanoke VA loves being a first-time grandmother to James Nimmo Dixon, born September 10, 2000.

## 1965

**JUDY BRYANT Skinner** and husband William of Doraville GA "had a wonderful time" visiting with classmate **ANN GORDON ABBOTT Evans** and husband Russell Memorial Day Weekend 2001. Judy and Ann Gordon were roommates their junior and senior years at Mary Baldwin.

**NAN DAVIS** of New York City writes that she's a "happy retiree!"

**JANE DOUGHTIE Taylor** of Burke VA reports that husband Reede is retired. Jane is working for A Compassionate Note, a nonprofit organization that hires professional harpists to play music in hospitals and the hospice center in northern Virginia. Son Reede works for KPMG, an international accounting firm, and lives in Amsterdam Holland. Daughter Mary lives close by and works for the National Wildlife Federation.

**MARY GILLESPIE Amos** of Atlanta is executive director of the Samaritan Counseling Center at First Presbyterian Church in Atlanta.

**DOROTHY IAFRATE** Rudy and David John are retired and living in Virginia FL. Dorothy continues to teach part time at a community college and visits students to "spin through her business, Spanish Word... for." She reports that son Jonathan is a software analyst with Standard & Poor's, New York City, and son Michael works for Manulife Financial in Boston.

**ANN MEBANE** Levine of Morgantown WV often travels to Atlanta to visit granddaughter Hannah Mebane Crouch, born to daughter Cynthia Mebane Levine Crouch and husband Matthew Crouch July 22, 2001.

**ELIZABETH MATTHEWS** Morgan and husband Roy, live in a home built in 1780 in Wallingford VT. She started two businesses in Vermont: a rug hooking business called Wooly Hook, and Carriage Barn Antiques. Elizabeth says she loves the cold weather after 32 years in Florida.

**PAULA STEPHENS** Lambert of Dallas TX is founder and president of The Mozzarella Co., a producer of handcrafted cheeses. The American Cheese Society honored the 19-year-old company's mozzarella in August 2001 as the best in America. In 2000, Paula was named president of the International Association of Culinary Professionals, which is involved in all aspects of the food industry.

## 1966

**GAIL APPERSON** Kilman of Fort Worth TX reports that daughter Alison graduated from Wellesley College in 2001.

**FRAN DAVIS** Pollard and husband Doug of Glyndon MD celebrated the birth of granddaughter Madison Elizabeth Mitchell February 5, 2002. "Doug and I are thrilled to be grandparents!"

**SARAH-MACK LAWSON** serves on the board of a local children's academy and conducts seminars on fitness and wellness. She and husband Horace Brumit live in Banner Elk NC.

**MARY WALKER** Rainer Eanes has two grandchildren: James Walker, 4, and Elizabeth Avery, 6 months. She resides in Greenville SC, where husband Jimmy works for Regions Bank and Mary Walker stays busy with her interior design business.

**MARTHA RATCHFORD** Bean of Youngstown NY works at Niagara University for the director of a federal grant called PT3, which teaches technology to teachers.

**LATANE WARE** Long of Waynesboro VA was selected by the Virginia Educational Media Association as School Library Media Specialist of the Year 2001 for the Shenandoah Region. Latane works as library media specialist at Ladd Elementary School in Augusta County.

**JANET WHITE** Campbell of Portsmouth NH was promoted to a full professor last year in the Department of Earth Science at University of New Hampshire. "But I'm still a 'research professor,' meaning that I live off grants and contracts."

**VIRGINIA "GIN" WORTH** Gonder says that daughter Sadie, 26, moved to Norfolk VA to be closer to her and Gin's father. Gin began a master gardener class in January in Mantoloking NJ.

**JANET "JAN" WIETHOFF** Price of Richmond VA has been married to her "college sweetheart" for 34 years. Husband Jim is an attorney in the product litigation department of McGuireWoods Law Firm. Son Joel, 32, has a landscaping business in Charleston SC. Daughter Mary, 26, lives in Richmond with her husband and is employed by St. Christopher's School. Jan teaches piano and paints in watercolor and oil.

**SANDRA ZEESE** Driscoll and husband Steven of Clyde Hill WA returned to the United States last year after living in Asia. Sandra was project director for an American-based international school south of Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, from 1995 to 2001. She was involved in licensing, designing, building, staffing and opening the school. "Dealing with the children was the fun part. I found myself totally committed to working for the school seven days a week." She reports that daughter Kathryn married Brian Biggs and is living near Spokane WA, and son Michael completed his first year at the Yale School of Management and interned this summer for Standard & Poor. While in Asia, Sandra regretted losing touch with MBC friends. She would like to hear from any classmates in her area.

## 1967

**MARGARET ALLEN** Palmer has been busy over the past year building a new home in Nashville TN.

**ANGELA BLOSE** Corley of Carmel IN is in her second term on the Carmel Clay school board. She and husband William traveled to "picturesque British Columbia and fascinating Japan" in 2001.

**MIKAL BRALLEY** Hoofnagle retired from teaching in June 2000 and reports that both children, 28 and 31, are now married. Mikal resides in Richmond VA with husband William.

**CHERYL DINWIDDIE** Andre of Stamford CT continues to work as a middle school media specialist, working with students 11 to 14 years old and enjoying an "ever-varying daily schedule - a blend of books and computers." Cheryl is learning to play golf.

**NANCY FALKENBERG** Muller of Orlando FL reports that her father Herbert R. Falkenberg died October 18, 2001, and was buried in Louisville KY. Husband Jim is semi-retired and works three days a week, while Nancy continues to substitute teach.

**MARJORIE GILLESPIE** Holt of Newport News VA is a retired school counselor. She and husband Johnny purchased a sailboat and plan to take it south this fall and winter. Daughter Frazier and husband Bruce live in New York City and son David is engaged and in his second year of law school.

**BARBARA HORNER** Miller has lived in Fairbanks AK more than four years, where she is associate director of the Arctic Region Supercomputing Center at the University of Alaska. Barbara was recently elected president of the Cray User Group, an international organization of owners of SGI and Cray high-performance computers.

**WYLYN LETSON** Hodnett of Ashland VA continues to enjoy and cherish family while volunteering for the United Methodist Church, community, and Garden Club of Virginia.

**M. ELIZABETH PREDDY** of Chapel Hill NC took an early retirement from Coca-Cola following three years in London. She devotes her time and energy to civic work, travel, golf and other leisure activities while enjoying all the benefits a college town has to offer.

**ANN CALVIN "CALLY" ROGERS** Witte is conference minister of The Southwest Conference of The United Church of Christ. Cally lives in Phoenix AZ with husband Frank.

**MARGARET "PENNY" TURNER** Coleman of Mobile AL is vice president of Mobile's tricentennial celebration.

**ANNE WILLIAMS** Blanks of Woodbridge VA has a new granddaughter. Sarah Mason was born November 1, 2001, and welcomed home by big sister Morgan, 2.

**LYNN WILLIAMS** Wood of Wheaton MD is a guidance counselor at Montgomery Blair High School in Silver Spring. Most of her students involved in the Math, Science, Computer Science Magnet Program. Daughter Beth earned a master's in meteorology from Penn State in August 2001 and married Thomas Mills in October 2001.

## 1968

**ALICE LACY** Wareham of Atlanta reports that daughter Anna married in September 2001, and son Brad married in March 2002.

**BARBARA PENICK** Jimenez of Madrid Spain says her children have "grown and flown the coop," while her mother-in-law and two recently widowed aunts have moved in. "We always have a full house!"

**SUSAN POWELL** Leister moved to Houston TX from the Washington DC area in April 2001. She works as a catalog librarian in the Fondren Library at Rice University, and reports that she and husband Dennis are "empty nesters." Susan enjoys getting together with MBC alumnae in Houston.

**ELIZABETH "BETS" ROPER** Golden of Auburn AL writes that husband Mike has retired and she is working part time in two locations as a counselor.

**JANE STARKE** Sims of Ellicott City MD recently had the pleasure of seeing youngest daughter Robin graduate from Eckerd College, a Presbyterian-related liberal arts college in St. Petersburg FL. Jane writes, "The commencement speech helped me realize the strong character education that is embedded in a close-knit, character-conscious faculty and college. I was sad my daughter did not want to attend my alma mater, but her experience made me revisit the wonderful things that a MBC or Eckerd College has to offer in their liberal



**AMY GRIFFITH** Berra '96 married Matt J. Berra, a 1990 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, July 7, 2001. Pictured (l to r) are **SARAH EKERN** '98, **LISA TANSEY** Jones '96, **CAMALA BEAM** Kite '96, the bride, **JENNIFER "JEN" REYNOLDS** Sams '96, (kneeling) **DESIREE "DEZ" SCHRADER** Stogdale '96, **REBEKAH Wiser** '96, and **REBECCA "BECKY" BEAM** Perkins '97.



**JANE RAPIER** Spence '98 married Jason Todd Spence, a 1999 graduate of UVA from Lynchburg VA, January 12, 2002. MBC alumnae joining in the celebration are (l to r, front row) **HOLLAND ROBERTS** Gibbs '98, **CARRIE TURLINGTON** Bazemore '98, **CYNTHIA "HAVEN" LECLER** '98, **ANGELA "ANGIE" AMOS** Rowe '98, **GRETA WINN** '99, **LYNNE WESLEY** Eccard '99, **SARAH WILSON** '99, (back row) **KRISTEN KICKHOFF** Chmela '98, **DIANE "SHELLEY" KELSAY** '98, **MARIAN "LIZ" TILMAN** '98, **ANN ALEXANDER** Crane '66, **AMY BOWDEN** Muir '98, the bride, **CHARLOTTE JACKSON** Berry '51, and **HELEN NALTY** Butcher '92.



Mary Baldwin Class of '99 alumnae reuniting at a bridal shower honoring **SUMMER SAUNDERS** in March 2002 are (l to r, front row) **SARAH WILSON**, **LAUREN DYSON**, **GRETA WINN**, (back row) **Chrystal Palmer**, **NICOLE NAPIER**, **Katie Beasley**, **Summer**, **ANNIE SAVAL**, **CATHERINE BLACK**, and **AIMEE FAYREAU**



**MARY HOUSTONWRIGHT Wipfler '00** married Robert Daniel's Wipfler September 28, 2001, at the Church of Our Redeemer in Aids VA. Pictured (l to r) is her sister and maid of honor **ELIZABETH WRIGHT '02**, the bride, mother-in-law **ALICE FRANCISCO Wipfler '70**, and college roommate **LAUREL BUCKSIE '00**

arts curriculum!" Older daughter Lauren works as a research assistant at Johns Hopkins University.

**ELIZABETH WISE** of Raleigh NC is executive director of the North Carolina Medical Society Alliance. She says it is a "first foray into the paid nonprofit arena."

## 1969

**ANGIER BROCK Caudle** teaches composition full time and is the faculty development coordinator for the writing program at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond VA. She and husband Bobby became grandparents in May 2002.

**NORA "CHAMPE" LEARY** of St. Louis MO stage-managed an outdoor production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* this spring for the St. Louis Shakespeare Festival.

**JANE COLLIS Thornton** and husband Dade of Danville CA are "down to one child at home." Jane keeps busy with aerobics, church chorus, National Charity League volunteering, hiking, and travel.

**ANN DAVIS Spittler** retired from AT&T after 30 years. Son Glenn is a rising junior at James Madison University and daughter Elizabeth will be in the ninth grade this fall. Ann and husband Glenn Jr. reside in Alexandria VA.

**JUDITH "JUDY" GALLOWAY** of New York NY is president of The Young Group, a marketing company specializing in the beauty category.

**REBEKAH KENNEDY Caruso** of Nashville TN was elected president of the Middle Tennessee Chapter of Choristers Guild, an organization for directors of children's and youth choirs, for 2002-03. Husband Bill, a church educator, is serving as moderator of Middle Tennessee Presbytery for 2002.

**ANN LEWIS Vaughn** of Mount Airy NC (the original "Mayberry") is director of the Mount Airy Visitors Center, which works with inmates at the North Carolina Corrections Institution for Women who are employed by the state Department of Commerce to handle all hotline tourism inquiries. Ann visited the prison in 2001 and "finds it invaluable in promoting the area's mountains, music and Mayberry activities."

**CLAIR "YUM" LEWIS Arnold** of Atlanta is chief executive officer and co-founder of Leapfrog Services Inc. Leapfrog is a "comprehensive out-sourced technical support alternative" that provides clients in the small to mid-sized market with Internet network management, support, data backup, virus protection, security, maintenance, and a help desk. She was named Metro Atlanta's 2002 Small Business Person of the Year. (See page 17)

**KAREN MARSTON Frank** of Woodfield OH married Forrest Frank December 16, 2001, becoming "a beef cattle farmer's spouse!" Son Ashley will complete his Ph.D. at Villanova, and daughter Jessica is doing a residency in OB/GYN.

**FRANCES "SIS" THOMPSON McKay** of Washington DC had a concert of her musical works performed May 9, 2002, by The Contemporary Music Forum at the Corcoran Gallery in Washington.

**JUDITH "J" WADE** of Atlanta is employed as a real estate project director, buying land for state parks and natural areas in Georgia. In March, J. moved her office and home within two weeks. In May, she rewarded herself with a trip to Italy and the Cannes Film Festival in France.

## 1970

**EMILY BORDEN Ragsdale** was elected to a second term as a city council member in Jamestown NC.

**KATHERINE "KATHY" CRAWFORD Anowsmith** lives in Lexington SC and works as a career counselor for the unemployed with Lee Hecht Harrison outplacement services. Kathy is active in a "Christians in Career Transition" ministry.

**DIANE DARNELL Hughes** of Warrenton WA celebrated the marriage of only daughter Carolyn Michelle September 15, 2001.

**MARGARET FOGLE** of Coral Gables FL writes that son Christopher is working as an architect in San Francisco CA and daughter Elizabeth graduated from University of Miami Medical School in OB/GYN and began her residency in Grand Rapids MI.

**JANE GRAVES Bartlett** reports that son Matthew graduated from ROTC at UVA and is a navigator in the Air Force. Daughter Polly is a sophomore at W&L. In 2001 she saw classmates **EMILY BORDEN**

**Ragsdale** in Jane's hometown of Baltimore MD and **MARY "MARIODY" BROWNING Birkhead** in San Diego.

**WINFREE ANN HUGHES Segal** of Richmond VA enjoys her job as a reference librarian. Son Ben graduates from W&L in June, son Jeff is a student at UVA, and daughter Emily will start high school in the fall.

**ELIZABETH IRZYK Mize** is lives at Camp Lejeune NC, where husband David is commanding general of the base. She writes, "I am an advocate for our Marine families, and David supports our Marines as they fight terrorism throughout the world." Son Jeff graduated from Elon College in May and daughter Stacey, a second grade teacher, lives in Atlanta with husband Mike.

**JULIE MAYS Cannell** of Purchase NY reports "my consulting business with the utility industry is, happily, thriving after five and a half years and leaving me enough time for studies in floral design at the New York Botanical Garden." Son Ian works at a radio station in Los Angeles, son Nick graduated from Colgate University in May, and son Patrick "officially becomes a teenager" in June.

**EMILY MCCLURE Ballard** lives in Beavercreek OH with husband John and is finishing her last year of teaching at Discovery House Montessori School. She plans to volunteer in the community and public schools next year. Daughter Kathy graduated from St. Olaf College in May and son John and wife are foreign service officers in Mexico City.

**VIRGINIA "GINI" MOSBY Hayles** of Cincinnati OH is traveling the country in a motor home with husband George and their dogs.

**PAULI OVERDORFF** of New York City was appointed by TMP Worldwide Inc. as executive vice president of eResourcing, North America. She will extensively manage eResourcing's information technology and solutions practices.

**J. PENNINGTON "PENNY" SMITH Hopkins** is still living in Severna Park MD with husband John and their two younger daughters. The youngest is a rising sophomore at Vanderbilt University. Penny's oldest daughter is married and has provided them with "two wonderful grandbabies."

**ISABELLE TURNER Knight** reports that two of her three daughters are married, with the youngest graduating from college with a degree in music performance. Isabelle continues to sell real estate and lives with husband Charles, a building contractor, in La Grange GA.

## 1971

**KATHRYN "KAE" ENGLISH Roberts** loves her new townhouse in Charlotte NC. Daughter Kristin majored in information systems at Wake Forest University and is starting a master's program in accountancy. Son Brian is a rising sophomore at UVA. "Got one back to Ole Virginny!" Kae continues to work as a technology specialist at McKee Road School. She regularly sees classmate **ELIZABETH TOMS Chaplin** in Sunday school and on building projects for Habitat for Humanity.

**ANNE HALL** of Dallas TX is excited to announce her engagement to Bruce E. Billings, a graduate of Texas Tech University and owner of a business-to-business furniture company. The couple plans to wed August 3, 2002. Anne is self-employed as a marketing copywriter and editor/proofreader.

**EMILY PAINE Carter** of Salem VA sums up life in the words of singer and songwriter John Prine: "Not bad. Pretty good. Can't complain. But actually, ev'rything's just about the same."

**SUSAN POPE Justesen** of Greenwood SC celebrated the marriages of a son and stepson this past year. She is owner and director of Susan's School of Music and Shoppe.

**GWENDOLYN "LYNDY" SEAMAN Whipp** and husband Jim of Oskton VA are "certainly thrilled" about the birth of their first grandchild. Daughter Elizabeth and husband Jonathan of Charlottesville VA welcomed Audrey Warner Grau into the world April 3, 2002. Son Jamie and wife Anne live in Virginia Beach VA.

**GRAY THOMAS Langston** of Fort Smith AR reports that husband Jack died January 7, 2002.

## 1972

**PHYLLIS BARLOW Hopkinson** of Charlottesville VA retired after 24 years as chief development officer for the Jefferson Area Board for Aging. She consults with nonprofits in resource and organizational development and marketing. She is a "grateful three-year survivor of breast cancer." Phyllis has pursued many outdoor activities over the past few years, including white water kayaking and dogsleding. Phyllis recently traveled to Provence France and to Italy with classmates **CONNIE LOWRANCE Beach** and **CARTER MOFFETT Douglass**. She attended her reunion in May.

**BARBARA BUTLER Leonard** of Alexandria VA will send second son Charles to West Point this summer.



In *Children: Gifts of the Spirit*, Margaret Woodson Nea '63 looks at children in poor countries around the world through a camera lens. She captured the images while traveling with the nonprofit organization World Neighbors, which helps people in developing nations struggling with hunger, disease, and poverty. The book contains 24 black and white portraits paired with notable quotations about children by a wide variety of prominent people.

"Each time I make a journey," says Nea in her book, "I go with an open heart and mind, knowing I will come away a deeper, richer person than before. Photographing children in remote areas of the world is a privilege. In many cases, the children have never seen a camera, and they laugh and giggle and squeal with amusement and delight. Their infectious spirits have a transformative power. As I look through the lens of my camera, I see the world with new eyes."

— Marisol Euceda '04

**PATRICIA CLICK** of Charlottesville VA is associate professor of technology, culture, and communication at the School of Engineering and Applied Science at UVA. She has published another book, *Time Full of Trial: The Roanoke Island Freedmen's Colony, 1862-1867* (University of North Carolina Press). Patricia is also the author of *The Spirit of the Times: Amusements in Nineteenth-Century Baltimore, Norfolk, and Richmond*.

**DENISE CRAIG Stafford** and husband Alan of Spotsylvania VA will celebrate five years of marriage July 5, 2002. She writes, "We have a grand time restoring old tractors and splitting firewood."

**SARAH CROCKETT Eggleston** and husband John live in Glen Ridge NJ where she is director of a preschool. Daughter Sarah is a sophomore at William and Mary and son John Jr. is a junior in high school.

**JACQUELYN "JACKIE" HILL Turner** of Raleigh NC paints watercolors on commission and works at needlepoint.com, an online needlepoint store.

**JEANNE JACKSON** of Birmingham AL writes that her son has begun attending Middlebury College in Vermont. "It brought back many wonderful memories of my first year at MBC."

**JANN MALONE Steele** and husband Mike of Richmond VA celebrated their 24th anniversary in April with their first vacation to Bermuda.

**SUSAN MYERS** of New York City started Underline Communications LLC with two business partners in April 2001. Underline is a small marketing firm that specializes in custom publishing to promote customer loyalty.

**SUSAN ROGERS Parks** and husband Kenneth live in Leesburg VA. Daughter Shelley graduated from W&L in June and son Sam is still at home, "but approaching his turn to go off to college very soon." She reports that classmate **BLANCHE WYSOR Anderson** recently surprised her with a visit.

**CATHERINE ROSS** is in her fourth year as an assistant professor of English at the University of Texas at Tyler, and remembers her days as an English and history major at Mary Baldwin "almost every day on the job." In September 2001 she presented a paper at a conference in Santiago Spain on the relationship between poets and sci-

tists in the British Romantic period. Two essays will be published — one as the lead essay in a book-length collection on science and literature from SUNY Press. Catherine bought a house in Tyler, is engaged to be married, and has a new Labrador retriever puppy. "Life is great at 50!"

**HARRIET STONEBURNER Bell** of Charlottesville VA reports the marriage of son Frazier Jr. to Erika Werner July 8, 2001, and the birth of granddaughter Sarah Elizabeth to daughter Betsy and husband Mike Manning June 6, 2002.

**MARY TOMPKINS Miller** of Richmond VA serves on the board of the central Virginia chapter of the Autism Society of America and is an advocate for children diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder.

**LINDA VERNER Smith** moved into a new home in Lake Oswego OR. Daughter **LAUREN BRADFORD SMITH '05** finished her second year at Mary Baldwin and is "enjoying herself and growing into a fine young woman." Linda is on the MBC Parent's Council.

**SALLY VIA Matthews** of Houston TX is in her 14th year as finance director at her church. Husband Lark is a homebuilder. Daughter Elizabeth is a rising junior at Davidson College, daughter Catherine will be a sophomore at Vanderbilt, and son Jack is in high school.

**OLIVIA WATSON Neill** and husband John, a neurosurgeon, have lived in Jackson MS for 20 years. Son Bob is a senior at Dartmouth and son Jack is a senior in high school. "Things are great!"

**1973**  
**BERYL BARNES Ierardi** of Charlotte NC works full time in the admissions office at Charlotte Country Day School. Son Drew graduated from UNC at Chapel Hill, daughter Paige is a rising sophomore at Bucknell University, and daughter Anne will attend the 8th grade at Charlotte Country Day.

**BEVERLY BURKE McCaskill** of Oklahoma City OK serves as missions' director at Our Lord's Community Church. She and husband Austin spent six weeks this spring teaching English and Bible in Ukraine.

**LINDA FORBES RILEY** lives in Bristol VA and works part time as director of Christian education at Emmanuel Episcopal Church.

**BARBARA KNISELY Roberts** writes that daughter Martha, 21, is a rising senior at The College of Charleston, and son Keith will be a sophomore at the University of South Carolina. Barbara and husband John Keith live in Burlington NC.

**ELYSA MADDOX Montgomery** of Decatur IL began a new job last October doing clinical research after 10 years of working as a school nurse. "I also miss my MBC buddies, but that's not new!"

**LOUISE REID Thyson** of Vienna VA writes, "I'm no longer working and am spending my time with family history and traveling." She celebrated son Jack's marriage last August and traveled to England in May.

**LYNETTE YOUNT** continues to work as a management development consultant and recently became a certified executive coach. She resides in Arlington VA.

**1974**  
**MARTHA GOLDEN Foster** of Fort Wayne IN reports that son Brad Jr. graduated from West Point in June 2001, daughter Jennifer is a rising junior at Indiana State University, and daughter Christine graduated from high school this past school year.

**JAMIE HEWELL Odrezin** of Birmingham AL is still practicing pediatrics. Husband Greg left his work in radiology to teach sixth grade math. Son Daniel will enter the 10th grade this fall.

**MALISSA HIGH Kilpatrick** moved from Texas back to Hampton VA, as husband Russ was promoted to brigadier general in the US Air Force. She looks forward to seeing MBC friends in the Tidewater area. Malissa spent September in Ukraine teaching English at a Bible college "while all in the USA were watching non-stop CNN."

**KAREN OUTLAW Atchison** married James E. Atchison in March 2000. The couple lives in Mobile AL, where John practices law.

**LISA SLOAN-Levin**, a psychologist in Topanga CA, earned her Ph.D. in clinical psychology from Pacific Graduate Institute.

**VIRGINIA SPROUL Downing** moved to Lynchburg VA in June 2001. Husband Lemuel is associate pastor at First Presbyterian Church, and Virginia teaches kindergarten at James River Day School.

**DIANEWHITE Fechtel** of Atlanta served as co-chair of horticulture for the Southeastern Flower Show in Atlanta in February 2002. Son Mark is a rising sophomore at W&L, while youngest son Blake will enter his junior year at Westminster.

**1975**  
**CONSTANCE "CONNIE" BAK** of Richmond VA is director of training and staff development for Virginia Blood Services. She was recently appointed to the National Continuing Education Committee of the American Association of Blood Banks.

**FLORENCE "DEE" BRANDON Allison** of Barboursville VA was selected as scholar-in-residence by the Center for the Liberal Arts at UVA. She received a scholarship, awarded annually to one Virginia public school teacher, to study abroad in Angers France for four weeks in July 2001. In Paris, Dee worked with Jenny Kouyoumtzoglou Rocher, former MBC French professor, and Jenny's husband Gilles. They enjoyed a four-hour walking tour of the city while Dee reminisced about her junior year abroad with the Sweet Briar College program in 1973-74.

**1976**  
**LYNN HOWARD Lawrence** and husband Robert anticipate returning to the United States (Charleston SC) in late 2002 after four years in Italy. "We've loved our time here," she writes, "having immersed ourselves in the culture, and hope to return to Italy."

**JANE MILLER** of Larchmont NY is managing director at General Re Corporate Finance in New York City. She has a daughter Jean, 16, and volunteers for breast cancer charities.

**ANN SHIELDS Stone** of Brevard NC is the special education consultant, running an inclusion model, for the eighth grade at Brevard Middle School. Husband Jerry owns Rockbrook Camp for Girls, where Ann works as camp mother during the summer. Son Wink is a rising junior at UVA and daughter Lucie is entering her senior year of high school.

**SUSAN SHIPMAN** of Saint Simons Island GA became director of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources' Coastal Resources Division April 1, 2002, after serving as chief of marine fisheries for the Brunswick-based Coastal Resources Division since 1994.

**VALERIE "VAL" SUTTON Payne** of Waynesboro VA finished her second semester at Eastern Mennonite University in Harrisonburg VA as she earns a master's in counseling degree. She continues to work full time at Comprehensive Health Systems in Fishersville. Val reports, "Children Kathleen, Margaret, and Jennifer are doing great!"

## 1977

**LINDSAY BARKSDALE Rorick** of Cincinnati OH celebrated her 18th wedding anniversary to husband Marvin, a neurologist. "The secret to our marriage — he's never home!" They have two girls, Paige, 16, and Kelly, 13. Lindsay works part time as a "boutique lady" for Doncaster clothing at Stein Mart, and volunteers at her daughter's school.

**PAGE BRANTON Reed** lives in Fairfax KS. "Between my family and volunteer opportunities, life is certainly never dull!" Page divides volunteering between the Children's Therapeutic Learning Center and Children's Mercy Hospital and is active on the boards of both organizations. Children William and Mary will be in the eighth and fifth grade, and husband Bruce is senior vice president of Squila.

**ANN CALHOUN Dent** of Panama City FL invites everyone to "come visit us at our restaurant, Cuvee Beach, in Destin FL!" She and husband Bill stay busy with the restaurant, Bill's medical practice, and their two children Lee, 12, and Will, 5.

**PAULINE COX Patteson** and husband Roy moved to Sunnyside Retirement Community in Harrisonburg VA. She writes, "We each have both feet deeply planted in art and long to settle down to painting after wedding through 51 years of accumulation and two moves since selling our home last August." Pauline regrets not being able to attend her reunion, but looks forward to visiting the MBC campus soon.

**PATSY "ELOISE" CLYDE Chandler** is still playing tennis and working for an investment management business in Virginia Beach VA. She and husband William have three daughters: Patsy, 12, Caroline, 16, and Mimi, 18, who is a rising sophomore playing soccer at SMU in Dallas TX.

**CATHERINE DUPONT Schlaeppli** of High Point NC reports, "The horse farm is fine, but my lessons are down due to family commitments!" Twin boys Charles and William, 17, are "hot into basketball, lacrosse, and girls." Daughter Elizabeth, 19, is at Meredith College hoping to transfer to Hollins in the fall, and youngest son George, 11, is also active with sports.

**CLAUDIA WOODY** of Atlanta is a vice president at IBM, working in IBM Global Services. "I run a worldwide team and travel extensively." Partner Lynn Spruill is a captain with Delta Airlines and runs a property management business. Claudia writes, "We both do pro bono legal work whenever possible, and enjoy staying at home on our time off."

**LUCY MURPHY Boush** and husband Mark are raising son Granville, 9, in Richmond VA. She is retiring from teaching and hopes to celebrate the start-up of an art-focused private business. She writes that they are renovating their third "and hopefully last" house.

**MADLINE SCHUELER Jean** of California MD is "now at the stage of motherhood: two play travel soccer and one takes piano, and we are almost ready for that first driver's license for the eldest!" She continues work as a computer programmer and says she "won't die of boredom anytime soon!"

## 1978

**KAREN AUSTIN McCoy** received her master's in special education and taught in elementary and high school for six years. This past year, she stayed at home in Severna Park MD with daughter Kristen, 11, and stepdaughter Katy, 16.

**MOLLIE MOOMAU Prominski** of McLean VA reports that husband William is working for Virginia Radiological Associates in Arlington VA. Daughter Kathryn "K.T." keeps them very busy.

### KATHLEEN "KATHY" O'NEILL

**Frazier** of Staunton VA is the president of Frazier Associates, a full-service architecture and planning firm specializing in "historic preservation, contextual design, and community revitalization." The firm has been honored with several awards for its design of the New Street Parking Garage (for which Kathy was design lead) in downtown Staunton. Other awards include the 2002 Palladio National Design Award in the category of public architecture, a President's Citation from the Preservation Alliance of Virginia, and a Great American Main Street award from the National Trust for Historic Preservation's National Main Street Center.

## 1979

**BARBARA JOHNSON Johnson** of Charlottesville VA is pictured with her sister in *Jefferson's Nurses* by Dr. Barbara Brodie, published in celebration of the 100th anniversary of the UVA School of Nursing.

**SUSAN RIDOUT Jones** of Chesapeake VA is still at home with daughters Rebecca, 8, and Ellen, 5. She says, "Life is very busy with church, school, and lots of other activities. It's fun, though!"

## 1980

**ELIZABETH AIKEN Locher** of Lexington VA graduated from UVA May 19, 2002, with a doctorate in education, curriculum and instruction, with an emphasis in reading.

**AUDREY ANDREWS Oddi** continues to live in Richmond VA with husband Stephen and daughters Anne, 14, and Charlotte, 10.

**KELLY HUFFMAN Ellis** is PTA president at Madison Middle School, serves on the community boards of United Way, The Arts Council of Blue Ridge, Apple Ridge Farm, Greenvale School, and is co-chair of The Pink Ribbon Tea, a fundraiser for breast cancer research. She resides in Roanoke VA with husband Russell and children Daur, Jennifer, and Virginia.

**ALISE LEARNED Mahr** of Elmira NY is a substitute teacher in her children's school district and a parent educator for those whose children are in foster care. Daughter Amanda will be a junior at Notre Dame High School and daughter Maggie will enter the eighth grade at Holy Family Junior High. Both girls are involved in theatre and music.

**SUSAN MARTIN Roberts** and husband Gary of Fort Pierce FL continue to run their nursery/landscape business and parent their five children still living at home, ages 12 to 17. Oldest daughter Julia finished her first year at Appalachian State University.

**MELISSA RAIDER Keahey** has been busy raising teenage son Walter, playing tennis, and remodeling her home in San Antonio TX with husband David.

**LAURA REED Bivans** works as a lunch aide at Damastown Elementary School in Damastown MD, with Belfast Children's Summer Program, and is on the PTA of both Damastown Elementary and Ridgeview Middle School. She and husband David raise dogs for Guiding Eye Puppies. Their first dog graduated in January and is helping a blind man in Essex MD.

## 1981

**NANCY HOPKINS Parsons** of Keswick VA is director of arts, grounds, and historic preservation programs at UVA, which "is a challenging and exciting position that keeps me very busy." She is in charge of two campaigns: raising funds to build a Center for the Arts at UVA and to preserve Thomas Jefferson's historic buildings, gardens, and decorative arts. Nancy also writes that she enjoys frequent travel, both domestic and international, for business as well as personal trips.

**MELISSA WEYHER Saunders** and husband Rob live in Fairfax VA with children Joe, 9, and Grace, 6.

**KATHLEEN WILKERSON Magnan** and husband John live in Fanwood NJ and recently returned from a trip to Venice. Son Christopher is 11 and William is 9. Kathleen is the parish coordinator for Christ Church in Short Hills.

## 1982

**SARA BETH BEARSS** of Richmond VA is senior editor of the Dictionary of Virginia Biography, published by the Library of Virginia in Richmond. Sara states that she was "delighted to work again with Dr. Kenneth W. Keller and Dr. ANN ALEXANDER '67" both of whom contributed biographical entries for the second volume, which appeared in November 2001.

**ANNE DARBY Parker** regrets not being able to attend her class reunion. The graduation of two nieces and a cousin's marriage made this spring a busy one.

**KOY EDMISTON Mislowsky** of Winchester VA is working part time as a staffing coordinator for Manpower Staffing Services. Twin daughters Emily and Elizabeth are 12 and daughter Mary is 9.

**ELIZABETH "BRESLIN" FLETCHER** lives in Roanoke VA with children Daniel, 17, Andrew, 15, and Amanda, 11. She finished her first year of teaching first and second grade after completing Montessori training.

**SUSAN LITTLE Adkins** of Marietta GA stays home with three preschoolers. The family adopted another baby, Christine Elizabeth, in December 2000, who joins siblings Paul and Mary Alice.

**MELINDA MIDDLETON Knowles** is the mother of 3-year-old twins Mark, Jr. and Marguerite. Melinda is on the board of Dallas for Children and is president of Dallas for Children Associates.

**LUANNE WHITLOW Goodloe** of Staunton VA reports that son Miles graduated from high school with honors and will attend Mary Washington College this fall. Mr. Gatti's in Harrisonburg VA, the restaurant that she and husband George own, celebrates its 16th anniversary this year. Luanne is in her 10th year with The Garden Club and loves spending time with her family. Daughter Elizabeth, 9, likes attending Grace Christian School in Staunton and "is the apple of her parents' eye!" Luanne enjoyed hosting her reunion class dinner at her home in May.

**SUSAN WILSON Clark** of Lynchburg VA and husband James are parents to Mitchell, 15, and Ashton, 13. Susan has been the director of the Lynchburg Victim Witness Program for 16 years.

**REV. MARABLEWISSE Southall-Vess** and husband Rev. Michael Southall-Vess are missionaries assigned to Japan by the General Board of Global Ministries. Their responsibilities include rural evangelism and ministry. They preach, conduct worship services and Bible studies, participate in evangelism events and women's work, facilitate international exchange with the United States and countries in Asia, teach English, and study various social issues to participate in action programs.

## 1983

**LAURA JOSEPHTHAL Wolfe** of Roanoke VA loves her miniature dachshund and is getting another.

**PATRICIA KAPNISTOS Leto** of Reston VA is a stay-at-home mother to Madeline, Alexandra, and Nicholas.

**CAROLINE "CARRIE" LIVINGSTON Grayson** of Atlanta and husband Hal went to Paris, France for her 10th birthday.

**ANNE MCCORMACK Jones** is busy with 4-year-old twin children and Walter, who are a preschooler at St. Paul's Nursery Day School in Alexandria VA. Her 11-year-old son recently promoted to a club in the U.S. Army.

**THERESE ROTHE Witcher** plans to hike the Appalachian Trail this year. She resides in Daleville VA with husband Homer and children Taylor and Bennett.

## 1984

**ELIZABETH "LIZ" EDGERTON Summers** of Columbia SC left Bank of America after 16 years to become the chief financial officer at Heathwood Hall Episcopal School, which sons West, 9, and Robert, 7 attend.

**DEIDRE FLEMING Dougherty**, husband Guy, and children Alexandra and William moved from IN to the Seattle WA area. "We love it — there's so much to do!"

**BONNIE HAUFFE** of Williamsburg VA enjoyed attending the theatre reunion at Mary Baldwin in May 2001, and sends congratulations on the success of the Blackfriars Playhouse in downtown Staunton. Bonnie is active with Environmental Defense and The World Future Society, and was quoted in the winter 2001 edition of *FutureTimes*.

**KATHRYN "KATE" KEELY** of Hagerstown MD teaches art at Radford College in Virginia. She exhibited recent paintings in May and June at Frostburg State University.

**AMY LAWLER Holloway** of Macon GA was promoted to academic division chair at Middle Georgia Technical College. She also coordinates an online course development project at the college.

**LISA MCKENZIE Millican** is the mother of three girls: McKenzie, 7, Evan, 5, and Reagan, 2. Lisa stays busy volunteering at school and church, and enjoys gardening. She, husband John, and their daughters live in Winston-Salem NC.

**MARY SANTUCCI Tiffin** and husband David of Winfield PA celebrated the birth of new son Stephen Alexander May 7, 2002. Stephen was welcomed home by big brothers Christopher and Michael.

## 1985

**NADYA ANDERSON** of Round O SC is looking forward to enrolling in the Adult Degree Program at Mary Baldwin, with the hope of entering graduate school after completion.

**AUDREY BONDURANT Barlow** of Durham NC has three daughters: Sarah, 10, Kate, 6, and Emily, 4. Audrey teaches preschool "and loves it," tutors in her daughter's public school, and reads.

admissions applications for Duke University. Husband George is an attorney for The Nature Conservancy.

**LESLIE JIVIDEN Luxemburg** is enjoying the growth of her massage therapy practice in Falls Church VA. Leslie "was thrilled to hear that my classmate **SANDRA "SANDY" HARRISON** is doing well in her position as country director for the English Language Institute in Hanoi, Vietnam."

## 1986

**CHRISLEY BAYLOR Voter** of Norfolk VA is the proud mother of a son Henry Warren, born December 28, 2001, and daughter Josephine, 4. Husband Richard Voter is commanding officer of the U.S. Oklahoma City.

**KAREN LATSHAW Schaub** has been a stay-at-home mother for eight years. In February 2001, she and husband Gregory welcomed third child Elizabeth Lee Schaub, who is adored by older brothers Eric, 7, and Matthew, 5. Karen volunteers at the boys' schools, sings in the church choir at her church, and participates in a book club. "Actually, most of us only read about one-third of the book, so we spend most of the time drinking wine, eating cheese and crackers, and enjoying adult conversation!"

**JUDY THOMPSON Harper** of Tremont PA owns and manages Echo Valley Campground. "I've built this into a resort that is quite beautiful. We're just off I-81 at Exit 104."

## 1987

**JEANINE HOLMES Thomas** of Arlington Texas has been married to husband Derrick for 10 years, and owns an internal medicine practice. Jeanine has a stepson and a son, and is active in her community and church.

**JENNIFER PARKER Lake** of Houston TX and husband Frederick had third child Parker Venable June 29, 2001. He joins brother William, 5, and sister Katherine, 3.

**MARY-SLATER LINN** of Orlando FL is vice chair of the Central Florida Sierra Club. She traveled to Bali in February.

**CLAIRE Williams** of Richmond VA has three daughters: Emma Claire, 5, Terrell, 5, and Gracie, 2.

## 1988

**RALPHETTA AKER** of Orlando FL was promoted to manager of the fiscal administration division for the Orange County Public Works Department.

**JOAN "JOANIE" GRASBERGER Bowers** is a stay-at-home mother of Ashlee, 6, and Eric Christopher, born April 7, 2000. Joanie, husband Clark, and the children reside in Leesburg VA.

**MARY HESS King** and husband Stephen of Harrisonburg VA have three children: Alex, 8, Tess, 5, and Grant, 2.

## 1989

**INGRID ERICKSON Vax** is the advertising manager for Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America in Washington DC. PhRMA is a nonprofit

association representing the country's leading research-based pharmaceutical and biomedical companies. Ingrid is responsible for consumer-oriented and governmental affairs advertising programs.

**JACQUELINE "JACKIE" NICHOLAS Hott** and husband John welcomed the arrival of son Nicholas Robert September 15, 2001. Jackie cares for Nicholas while working from home running Hedgebrook Farm, a family farm market in Winchester VA. She also teaches two classes in public speaking at Shenandoah University.

**SHELBY POWELL Drinkard** married Rodney S. Drinkard November 10, 2001, in Atlanta. MBC bridesmaids were classmates **SHARON AKEL Muse**, **TRACEY COTE Allen**, **REBECCA WALKER**, **LISA BAKER Wicklund '90**, **AMY GAVIGAN Russell '90**, and **LUCILLE HODGES '89** was a reader. In attendance were **BEATRICE QUINTAVALLI Dippy '89**, **PAM PRUITT McDonagh '89**, **MARY ELIZABETH "BETH" WILSON White '89**, and **MEREDITH MANSFIELD '97**.

**SUSAN SIPLE Elliott** stays busy raising sons Forsyth and Bondurant, and is associate editor of *Portico*, a regional general interest magazine published in Birmingham AL.

**REBECCA WALKER** works for Adams Keegan and recently earned a professional certificate in human resources. Rebecca has three dogs and has been busy renovating an old house in Franklin TN.

## 1990

**ELIZABETH CARRERAS Benson** of Midlothian VA is a full-time mother for Margaret, 4, and Marshall, 2. She writes, "I am enjoying landscaping my yard, visiting friends and family, and reading." Husband Rod is starting graduate school at UVA.

**AMY FISCHER Power** of Frisco TX celebrated the second birthday of son Carson in 2001. "My business is growing rapidly, and I love being a mom!"

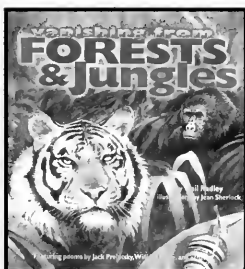
**ROSINA HEYWOOD Bolen** married Aaron Miller, a computer consultant, May 27, 2001, on the beach in Islamorada FL. Sister **MARGARET BOLEN Mamon '88** and **DAMARIS CHRISTENSEN '90** were bridesmaids and **DIANA BALLARD '91** and husband Travis Renker attended. Rosina will work as assistant professor of biology at Mount Saint Mary's College in Emmitsburg MD this fall.

**SUSAN HYATT Ferrell** of Colonial Heights VA is "very busy with my 4-year-old daughter, Anne MacIn, and my 2-year-old son, Wirt."

**MARGARET "MEG" LIBBY Steele** of Portland OR is "enjoying my 2-year-old son Jackson and doing lots of work to our 1924 home." Margaret works full time in human resources at Credence Systems.

**JULIE PURCELL Hickey** of San Francisco CA was accepted into the Berkeley/Columbia Executive MBA Program — a new joint MBA from the University of California at Berkeley and Columbia University. She will work full time as senior account manager at Intuit Inc. while earning two degrees.

**Gail Radley '89** has written another book in her *Vanishing From* environmental series — this, the fourth, is *Vanishing From Forests & Jungles*. The series teaches children about animal extinction. Pages are filled with descriptions of animals and information about their habitats, eating habits, and endangered status. Included are a glossary, suggestions for further reading, and passages from poems and essays.



The "vanishing" series began several years ago as a poetry anthology focusing on geographical regions, says Radley, "around the theme of endangered animals to help raise children's awareness." When Lerner Publishing Group agreed to publish Radley's work, it asked her to divide it into volumes by type of habitat. In her books, Radley discusses what is and can be done to help animals facing possible extinction. The other books: *Grasslands & Deserts*, *The Skies*, and *Waterways*.

A lecturer in the English Department at Stetson University in DeLand, Florida, Radley says she's pleased that her books "are very appealing to teachers and librarians." An upcoming book will bring the writing of Brazilian children to North American children.

— Marisol Euceda '04



**NANCY ROWE Abercrombie** of Mount Pleasant SC is the mother of 2-year-old son Jack.

## 1991

**HOLLY EGER** West of Montclair VA moved into a new home and resigned from her position with Kaiser Permanente to be at home with her four children. The children attend parochial school, Holly is on the PTA, chairs a program for extracurricular science, and teaches piano to elementary school students. Husband David left the United States Marine Corps in 2000 and is employed by Cisco Systems.

**KANDICE ENGLE** recently opened a new law office in Lebanon KY

**RACHELANNE FESTA Fleming** of Midlothian VA continues being a full-time mom to Samuel, 5, Sarah, 3, and Jonah, 1

**ROBIN RAY Coll** and husband Patrick live in southern MD, just off the Potomac River. They work for the Office of General Counsel, Department of the Navy.

**AMY TUNSTALL Burleson** of Midlothian VA has a 3-year-old son, Trey, and a 1-year-old daughter, Ashley.

**HEATHER WILCOX** of Olney MD married Edward Hoffman July 6, 2002. Heather is a home economics teacher, a Mary Kay consultant, and works in youth ministry.

## 1992

**LENI ASHMORE Sorensen** of Crozet VA has been appointed interim director of Reynolds Homestead in Critz VA.

**NOEL BEVAN** of Virginia Beach VA has worked for Coastal Training Technologies for eight years and is a senior account executive. She writes, "I am also facilitating a women's Bible study and getting ready to start working with youth at my church again!"

**JOY-MARIE BIGALKE Chien** of Hampton VA is enjoying being a "soccer mom" for Katherine, 6, and Cortland, 4, "not to mention swimming, ballet, and Brownies." Joy is active in the Junior Woman's Club of Hampton, St. Mary's PTO, and is a speaker, peer-to-peer counselor, group leader, and advocate for the MS Society. The family has a new dog, Kita, that Joy is training to be a therapy dog for nursing homes and hospitals. Husband Stan is in the Navy aboard the USS Oscar Austin and "thankfully" will be on a shore tour with the Joint War Fighting Center.

**JULIE BIRMINGHAM** has moved to Charlottesville VA after living in Indianapolis and working at Indiana University. Julie is a billing system liaison at UVAs Health Services Foundation.

**ROSE CHU Beck** of Cleveland Heights OH finished her M.D./Ph.D. program at Case Western Reserve University in May 2001. Rose is now in residency in clinical pathology at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation and is enjoying a new house with husband Rex.

**MARY COCKE Read** married Kenneth Edward Read of Athens GA March 10, 2001. They live in Memphis TN, where Mary is a dietitian doing research at The Center for Community Health at the University of Memphis, while working on a master's in

community health research. Kenneth is production manager of antique reproductions for the Amy Howard Collection at Artisan Studios.

**MARY HUGHES Hawkins** teaches sixth grade special education in Fairfax County VA. She lives in Alexandria VA with husband Erik and daughter Anya, 1.

**MARY ANNE MULHERIN McCollum** of Augusta GA is a stay-at-home mother to daughter Mary Catherine, 1.

**HELEN NALTY Butcher** of New Orleans LA is the mother of three children: Price, 4, and twins Laura and Martin, 2.

**SUSAN O'DONNELL Black** lives in Canal Winchester OH with husband John. Susan was given a baby shower January 12, 2002. Classmates **MARY COCKE Read** and **KATHERINE BROWN** of Memphis TN attended.

**SARAH "PAIGE" PEMBERTON Heath** of Beaverdam VA is in her 10th year of teaching in Hanover County VA, now teaching third grade. Last year, she was on the head writing committee in applying for the National Blue Ribbon Award, and in May 2001, her school received the distinction of being recognized as a national school of excellence. Paige and husband Richard welcomed their first child, son Parker Dean October 13, 2001.

**BRENDA RABENALL Erwin** of Towson MD and husband Christopher celebrated the birth of first child John "Jack" Patrick July 18, 2001. "He is the best thing that ever happened to us." Brenda accepted a promotion at McCormick and Co. Inc. as sales development manager in national accounts. Christopher is a partner in his law firm.

**JULIA KING** and Robert Clayton Maxwell II of Staunton VA were married June 23, 2001. The reception was in the MBC Student Activities Center. Mary Baldwin alumnae in attendance were classmates

**KAREN WOOD Woodson, SARAH ESCHINGER Milholland, NANCY THACKSTON Daal, and ANNE HOREHLED King '72**

**WENDY WOODEN Barze** of Birmingham AL has her own business, "Beehive," selling original stationery and invitations. Wendy and husband Brian have two children: Henry, 3, and Jay, 1. Brian is CFO of Hunter Systems, a software company.

## 1993

**DANA AILSWORTH** of Richmond VA is head creative talent recruiter in the Virginia division for AQUEST, an international agency for creative freelancers. "I am using my fabulous communications degree from MBC to work with graphic designers, Web developers, copywriters, and the like." She recently collaborated on a project with classmate **ELIZABETH LAYNE** and **MARY MARGARET BARNHARDT Lasker '83**.

**AMELIA BURROUGHS Ikard** of Raleigh NC works for Ericsson Mobile Communications as a service control specialist in the Information Technology Department, and as an IT consultant for new joint venture Sony Ericsson Mobile Communications. "When I'm not working, I enjoy free time with husband Scott and two dogs, a German

Shepherd named Ika and Salem, a Dachshund/Terrier mix."

**DIAHANN "BUFFY" DEBREAUW-Watts** of Fort Washington MD is director of consultant relations for the National Association of Partners in Education in Alexandria VA. She married Clyde Watts Jr. September 1, 2001.

**CHRISTY HAWKINS** had an exciting year. In October 2001, she moved into a new house just outside Austin TX. In January 2002, she was promoted to manager of Technology Change Management for Sears, and in April, Christy and a friend vacationed in Scotland and England "and had an amazing time."

**EVELYN "KATE" MILLS Irby** of Jackson MS married Charles Lyons Irby July 28, 2001. They honeymooned in Tuscany. Kate teaches, paints, and enjoys spending time with her two teenage stepsons, Charlie and Andrew.

**LISA NICHOLS Hickman** and husband Jason moved to Tucson AZ and celebrated the birth of daughter Leah Kristine December 29, 2001.

**EMILY OEHLER** of Alexandria VA became engaged on New Years Eve in Central Park to John Murdock, a V&L graduate, and is planning a fall wedding.

**BETH PALK Hooper** lives in McKinney TX with husband John and daughters Callaway, 2, and Abbey, 1.

**CARMEN RODRIGUEZ** works for Jefferson County Public Schools in Louisville KY as a bilingual associate instructor in English as a second language. In March 2001, she had a wonderful visit with classmate and roommate **MARYLON HANO Barkan** in Italy. Carmen is a volunteer for Mary Baldwin, representing the college at career and college fairs in her area.

**JESSICA "BETH" SAWYERS Lambert** and husband Brian Christian Lambert, a graduate of UVA and Harvard Law School, live in Charlotte NC, where Beth worked as director of planned giving and major gifts for the National Kidney Foundation of North Carolina before leaving her position to be a full-time mother to their son.

## 1994

**LISA DOERING Diaz** received her master's in human resource management with an emphasis in organizational development from Rollins College in Winter Park, FL. Lisa resides in Orlando and is employed as a senior technical recruiter for Science Applications International Corp., a Fortune 500 company and the nation's largest employee-owned research and engineering firm. She recruits high-tech professionals for positions in the United States, Bosnia, and Germany. Lisa is a member of the Society for Human Resource Management and the Central Florida Human Resources Association.

**JENNIFER EAVEY Oprison** of Dallas TX announces the birth of third child Emma Grace, born April 18, 2002. Emma joins twin brothers Charlie and J.P., who turn 3 in August.

**LEAH GARCIA** of Winter Park FL is a marketing specialist for the National Watermelon Promotion Board, based in Orlando. Leah would love to hear from MBC friends and alumnae in the Orlando area.

**EUGENIA GRATTO** spent most of December 2001 at the Vermont Studio Center in Johnson VT for a fiction-writing residency. She lives in Arlington VA with husband Robert Gravely.

## 1995

**ANNE BUSHMAN Bongiovanni** of Northborough PA is public relations manager for the eastern division of Comcast Cable Inc.

**JENNIFER "JEN" CORNELIUS Horstman**, classmate **PAIGE CROCKETT JULIE DYESS ANNA HABISREUTINGER Converse, EUGENIE PRIEUR MYRA JOHNSTON Dorey '93 and ELIZABETH THRIFT '93** had a wonderful time during their annual trip to Litchfield Beach SC.

**ALEXIS GRIER Reid** and Langdon Fairchild Reid of Staunton VA were married October 6, 2001, at First Presbyterian Church in Winchester VA, followed by a honeymoon in Charleston SC. Alexis is assistant director of annual giving at Mary Baldwin College and a consultant for Southern Living At Home, and Langdon is a songwriter and entertainer in the country music industry.

**MITZI LESHNER-Thomas** is a member of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina and was ordained a minister at Pleasant View Presbyterian Church January 6, 2002. She lives in Calypso NC with husband Troy.

**SONJA SPARKS Smith** of Reedville VA opened a clothing boutique in Irvington VA in July 2001. She is treasurer of the Irvington Business Association. "Business is going well, and I'm having a good time." Sonja traveled to New Orleans in February with husband K.G. and met classmates **EUGENIE PRIEUR, COURTNEY VAUGHN** and Courtney's fiancé Rob Forrest.

**LEE THOMPSON Vermillion** is a full-time mother to son Jackson Randolph, born June 18, 2001. Lee and husband Kevin live in Bristow VA.

## 1996

**SHARON DINGLER Guglielmini** and husband Tim moved to Hawaii where Tim is stationed at Pearl Harbor Naval Base. Sharon is a science and math teacher in the special education department at Waipahu High School.

**TANIA LYLE Cash** and Christopher T. Cash of Waynesboro VA were married September 15, 2001, at Christ United Methodist Church in Staunton VA. Tania is employed as a salon manager at KoKomo Joe's Salon and Christopher works for American Safety Razor.

**AMY GRIFFITH Berra** married Matt J. Berra, a 1990 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, July 7, 2001. Amy recently completed her third year as director of professional development for the Pennsylvania Association of School Business Officials.

**LAURA MCCAGHAN** Heaslip, a daughter of Mary Baldwin College, moved to the Washington, D.C. area in 2002. She is currently a graduate student at the University of Maryland, where she is studying for her M.A. in Public Health. She is currently working for the National Center for Children, Youth, and the Family.

**KARA OLSEN Niebo** and her husband Ryan moved to the Washington, D.C. area in 2002. She is currently a graduate student at the University of Maryland, where she is studying for her M.A. in Public Health. She is currently working for the National Center for Children, Youth, and the Family.

**PEGGY "PEG" RUSNAK** of Houston TX, after attending graduate school at the University of Houston, Clear Lake. She is working on a dual master's degree in business and healthcare administration while employed full time at M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston. She visited with classmate **JULIE REIN** while on vacation in New York City this past Christmas. **LAUREN LOGAN '96** and **Peg** had a great time cruising to Grand Cayman and Cozumel Mexico. Peg regularly enjoys dinner in Houston with MBC friends **ANN SCHMIDT '98**, **EMILY BARRA '98**, and **CHERRY AYCOCK '00**.

**DESIREE SCHRADER Stogdale** of Mount Sidney VA writes that she and husband Keith are "working on saving money to buy or build a new house, which hopefully will be in the near future." Son Colton Rawlins, 2, is a "wonderful joy to have in my life." Desiree was promoted from direct service associate to supervisor/team leader at the Commonwealth Center for Children and Adolescents.

**HEATHER SHUMAN Fox** and husband James of Falls Church VA celebrated the birth of son Marshall David September 3, 2001. Heather has taken a leave of absence from Fairfax County Public Schools to stay at home and raise their son.

**NOBUKO TANAKA**, a former exchange student from Doshisha University, is employed by Seiwa College in Hyogo (Nishinomiyu City), Japan.

**BESS TURNER Jenkins** married John Jenkins in April 2000. She lives in Richmond VA and works as a commercial interior designer.

**REBEKAH WISER** of Virginia Beach VA is attending graduate school to earn a master's in community counseling.

## 1997

**SARAH BARLOW** is excited to announce her engagement to Joshua Paul Newton of Abingdon MD July 21, 2001. She has since moved from her hometown of Roanoke VA to Abingdon, where she is a bank teller for Slave Federal Savings Bank. Sarah is busy planning the wedding in Roanoke in early September 2002.

**KATHLEEN MCCABE** of New York City is associate production manager in the advertising and promotion department of Lifetime Television. She is engaged to marry Jason Michael Thielens, a former high school friend, in May 2003.

**THEODORA "DORIE" CLARK** of Northville MA is press secretary for the Robert Reich for Governor campaign in Massachusetts.

**ELIZABETH "BETSY" EDENS Cline** and husband Brian moved to Riverdale UT for his work with the United States Air Force. "We like it here and we're doing great. We do miss VA! I had a very hard time finding an accounting job, so I started my own business. — Mary Kay!"

**BETH GUBBINS** lives in Columbus OH, where she has two jobs and attends Columbus State Community College.

**SUZANNA HICKS-Hostetter** graduated from James Madison University May 2002 with a bachelor of science in nursing. Suzanna has worked at Augusta Medical Center as an LPN since 1999, and is now an RN in a medical and oncology unit. She and husband John live in Staunton VA.

**MICHELE OLSON** of Colwell TN writes that she is "back in Chattanooga, programming, taking pictures, and seeing shows. Life is good!"

**TERESA "TRACY" SANGER-Levy** lives in Bel Air MD with husband Andy, whom she married March 26, 2000. Daughter Courtney Julia was born June 10, 2001. Tracy received her master's in education from Towson University in spring 2002 and teaches first grade for Harford County Public Schools.

**SUSAN SMITH** earned her master's in history from Fairleigh Dickinson University May 2001. She resides in Paramus NJ and has worked as a law research analyst for Blue Sky for four years.

**ELIZABETH SPRAAT Cooper** of Washington DC works in annual giving for the National Gallery of Art with **LAUREL CATCHING Alexander '71**, and enjoys hearing about Laurel's Mary Baldwin experience.

## 1998

**EMILY BARRA** graduated in May from Rice University in Houston TX with a master's in computational and applied mathematics. She will teach finite math in the Honors Department at the University of Houston in the fall.

**ELIZABETH CALHOUN** moved to Nashville TN, where she works for the Vanderbilt Center for Better Health and is "transforming healthcare through Informatics as a program manager!"

**CYNTHIA FELGER Karch** married Erich L. Karch, 1997 graduate of UVA, August 12, 2000. The couple moved into their first house in Centerville VA June 2001.

**DENA HARRELL Thomas** of Windsor VA starts nursing school in September 2002.

**LAURA HAWKS Ellis** lives in Groton CT with husband Russell and daughter Haley, 3. Laura is a loan counselor for the Navy Federal Credit Union.

**KATHERINE "KATE" LANGLOIS Faraci** married Steve Faraci in Richmond VA February 2, 2002. Kate graduated from Catholic University School of Law in

Washington DC, moved to Richmond, and passed the Virginia Bar exam in spring 2001. She is with Cawthorn, Picard & Rowe, PC.

**LAURA MCCARTER Stone** of Nashville TN is a clinical nurse specialist and nurse coordinator for the Division of Maternal-Fetal Medicine at Vanderbilt University Medical Center. Laura and husband Robert have "recently purchased a home in the Oak Hills area of Nashville and are the proud parents of twins, two boxer puppies named Mona and Ava!"

**REBECCA MORRISON** of Laurel MD reports, "Finally, after six semesters and two summers of being a part-time graduate student, I have completed my master's degree in survey methodology. I'll continue working for the United States Census Bureau."

**JANE RAPIER Spence** married Jason Todd Spence, a 1999 graduate of UVA from Lynchburg VA, January 12, 2002. They live in New Orleans LA, where Jason attends Tulane Law School and Jane works for Make-A-Wish Foundation of LA.

**JENNIFER ROBB** of Staunton VA bought a business in downtown Staunton, Court Reporting Associates, which recently celebrated its first anniversary. She writes, "I spent my time playing music around town, working out at the YMCA, playing softball and volleyball, and working of course! Just finished a cooking class."

**STEPHANIE TYLER Czetzli** of Lancaster PA accepted a new position as inside sales coordinator for CDS Analytical Inc., located in Oxford PA. CDS is a private company that manufactures laboratory instrumentation for the analysis of materials in environmental, polymer, forensic, food, pharmaceutical, petrochemical, and military laboratories.

**CAROLINE WRIGHT** of Williamsburg VA works in publicity for an Iowa-based rodeo company.

## 1999

**SHANNON BAYLIS Sarino** hosted a Christmas get-together for MBC friends at her home in Germantown MD. Attending were **HOLLY SOUTH '97**, **REBECCA MORRISON '98**, 1999 classmates **UBAH ANSARI Pathan**, **MARY "ELIZABETH" BAYNES**, **HEATHER FARIS**, **AMIEE HERKERA**, **SARAH GRACE JOHNSON**, **KATIE NELSON**, **IANA PHILLIPS**, and **ANNE "ANNIE" SAVAL**.

**TARALYNN "TARA" HENRY Desmond** of Staunton VA worked as a teacher for two years after graduating from Mary Baldwin. Since then, she married Damian Desmond and gave birth to son Jakob, 1. Tara has been staying home with Jakob and will return to teaching this fall. She and Damian coach cross country at a local high school and completed a marathon in 2000.

**BROOKE HITE** of Loretto VA teaches math at Essex High School.

**DEANA LEHMUTH** of Baltimore MD continues to work for MBNA America Bank.

**MELISSA MCNAMANA** of Winston-Salem NC works as a research associate on an NIH-funded research study at Wake Forest University. Melissa works part time on a Ph.D. in physiology at Wake Forest

University School of Medicine. She recently visited Mary Baldwin to serve on the Alumnae Athletics Panel for the Parents Council Spring Symposium.

**LEANNA REYNOLDS Didio** and husband John recently bought a house in Savannah GA.

**REBECCA STEVENS** of Cockeysville MD is in her third year at Arista Advertising Design Inc. in Timonium MD, where she works as a junior art director.

**JENNIFER VERGNE** of Silver Spring MD graduated from Catholic University Law School in May 2002, and will work for the IRS chief counsel's office.

**GRETA WINN** is working on her MBA at Averett University, to be completed in January 2004. She writes, "I am also a member of the Richmond Alumnae Steering Committee. Life is great!"

## 2000

**KELLY BAUGHAN** lives in New Orleans LA, where she is a law student at Tulane University.

**JAMIE LYNN CROSS** of Media PA "shipped out" for the Persian Gulf aboard the USS Barry.

**CATHERINE CUMMINGS Pressly** of Atlanta loves her new job as corporate development manager for Special Olympics Georgia. "A wonderful cause and a dynamic group of people working together to make a difference."

**MARISA DEBOWSKY** of South Burlington VT graduated May 2002 with a master's in math from the University of Vermont.

**ANGELA DANCY Peterson** and Lars Peterson, VMI Class of 1999, were married July 16, 2000. They live in Cockeysville MD, where Angela teaches a class of "very active 3-year-olds" at Hampton Lane Child Development Center.

**SHOLEH EHDAIVAND** is in nursing school at the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill.

**MERISSA FIDDYMENT-Mule** and husband Michael Dominic Mule reside in Richmond VA, where she is finishing up the first of four years as a dental student at the Medical College of Virginia.

**SARAH JOHNSTON** of Richmond VA became development director for the Richmond Organization for Sexual Minority Youth in December 2001.

**LALE MAMAUX** of Springfield VA earned a master's in political science from American University in Washington DC in January 2002. Lale is deputy of political affairs for a political fundraising firm in DC.

**COURTNEY "ALISON" MURPHY** began her career as a design associate for Martha Child Interiors Inc., Design Division of Sunrise Assisted Living Inc., in Sterling VA. She is responsible for designing assisted living centers for the west coast division, and has traveled to Colorado, California, British Columbia, and Ontario. In December, Alison received the Designer of the Year award for 2001. As of

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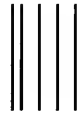


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January, 2001. She was appointed as a senior design associate and went to Japan in February to work on a future project.

**SAMANTHA OEHL** is an account executive at Quinn & Co., a New York City public relations agency. She oversees publicity for a variety of travel accounts including luxury hotels, resorts, and destinations.

**TAMARA SCARAMOZZI** is serving a six-month deployment with the U.S. Navy to the Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Gulf in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. She is assigned to the guided missile cruiser USS Hue City, with a port in Mayport, FL. The *Fleet Home Town News* Center writes, "Scaramozzi is one of more than 10,000 Atlantic Fleet sailors and marines aboard the ships of the USS John F. Kennedy Carrier Battle Group and USS Wasps Amphibious Ready Group participating in joint-service, multi-national operations in the US-led war against terrorism."

**MARY HOUSTON WRIGHT** Wipfler married Robert Daniels Wipfler September 28, 2001, at The Church of Our Redeemer in Aldie, VA.

## 2001

**CHRISTIAN "CHRISTY" BONITTO** Rager and husband James of Stafford, VA celebrated the birth of daughter Gretchen Manannah December 4, 2001. Gretchen joins sister Kyla Jean, born October 23, 2000.

**MELISSA "PAIGE" CARICO** Bell and husband Shane of Rock Hill, SC, were excited to move into a new home in May. Paige will start the MBA program at Winthrop University this fall. She writes, "I miss all my friends at MBC, especially my old roommate **TANYA BOYCE '01**."

**LAURA "ASHLEY" CLARK-Buchanan** and Gregory Dean Buchanan were married October 6, 2001, at Old Providence ARP Church in Spotswood, VA. The couple resides in Staunton, VA, where Ashley works as an admissions counselor for Mary Baldwin College. Gregory, a graduate of Virginia Tech, is employed by Sugar Loaf Farms.

**STARLING CRABTREE** lives in Nashville, TN with her younger sister. She works for Comings Video and Film as office manager, production coordinator, and sales agent. "Hello to all my MBC friends. I love and miss you all. Keep in touch and God bless!"

**NORAH RICK** of Fredericksburg, VA is a first grade teacher at Hugh Mercer Elementary. "Single and loving life! I miss MBC!"

**MEGAN "WENDY" FOSQUE** Armstrong and Britton Lee Armstrong were married January 5, 2002, at Quantico Memorial Chapel in Quantico, VA. Both Wendy and her husband are 2nd lieutenants in the U.S. Air Force.

**JAMIE MARIE HAMMER** Kullander of Hampsburg, VA married Daniel Kullander January 19, 2002. Jamie works for Suter's Handcrafted Furniture and "absolutely

loves it." Her goal is to see him and the wedding party in the 18th century, design and help with the design process.

**JOY HULL**, a graduate of the Program for the Exceptional Gifted, was named the AAPG Semester in Washington Scholarships winner for 2001. The AAPG provides a \$2,500 scholarship and internship semester to a student attending the Semester in Washington program at The George Washington University.

**MEGAN KECK** purchased a new house in Richmond, VA.

**ERIN KELLY** lives in Hanover, PA, where she is a legal assistant for a state senator writing newsletters, doing press releases and researching.

**MEGAN MILLER** of Sutherlin, VA, writes "We recently welcomed our second daughter, Ashley Hope, into our family on February 7, 2002. Her big sister, Kylee Ruthanne, is a great help."

**KATHERINE "KATE" SCHULTZ** is a 2nd lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps, living in Quantico, VA until December 2002, when she will be stationed in Japan.

**LAURA "BESS" SCHULTZ** of Lusby, MD, is an environmental scientist in Lexington Park, MD, working on her graduate degree in public administration.

## ADP

## 1984

**EDGAR "CHIP" PURYEAR** of Charlottesville, VA, continues to work at Farmington Country Club. Chip recently helped his father win a 4-man Senior Open. Character is Everything — the Art of Command.

## 1991

**JAMES "JIM" HARDIMAN** MSW, LCSW is working as substance abuse services coordinator for Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, VA. Jim has a psychotherapy practice at First Baptist Church in Charlottesville, VA, and is working on his Ph.D. in education at VCU.

## 1992

**ANGELA MARTIN** of Ypsilanti, MI, has purchased a new home and is "enjoying decorating and gardening." Angela most recently was a senior market development manager for Domino's Pizza, based out of the World Resource Center in Ann Arbor, MI.

**JOHN TRIPPEL** of Charlottesville, VA is joining canvases and working as a teacher's aide at Albemarle High School.

## 1994

**SANDRA BULLOCK** of Glade Hill, VA, worked for years as a paralegal, but now teaches in a special program called Even Start for Franklin County Schools. Sandra helps parents learn while their children are in a preschool classroom. "Very rewarding."

## Pernell '96 Is Named Top Teacher

Julie Howard Pernell '96 was named teacher of the year for the 2001-02 school year in the Waynesboro, Virginia, system. She received \$100 and a recommendation for regional teacher of the year.

Pernell, a third-grade teacher at Westwood Hills Elementary, began her professional life as a portrait artist. But teaching was her dream. "I always played school when I was little," she told the Staunton News Leader. "I would draw things for lessons on the chalkboard at home for my make-believe audience."

Pernell, in Mary Baldwin's Adult Degree Program, graduated cum laude with a major in studio art and a minor in elementary education certification. She decided to become a teacher after a professor convinced her that she "could and should be a teacher," she said.

"I try to see the student not just as a student, but as a human, as a child. They experience the same emotions adults experience on a different level," said Pernell.

## 1995

**DONNA BALLARD** of Charlottesville, VA, writes "I enjoyed the 25th anniversary celebration for ADP students in Charlottesville March 16, 2002. The mixture of traditional and ADP students was wonderful. Also, all the faculty members and Dr. Tyson made the evening special."

**JUDY MAE MOORE** of Williamsburg, VA, had her poem "Windmills" published by The National Library of Poetry in winter 2002. She appeared on "Where Do You Stand?" a segment of television coverage of the Virginia gubernatorial race.

**CINDY ROBERTS** of Staunton, VA, is an investment representative with Edward Jones.

**LOIS STEPHENS** is a manager of marketing services for the Division of Continuing Education at Virginia Tech. She writes "My association with all of you in the Roanoke office was a great experience, as you were always so helpful and supportive." Lois tentatively plans to retire in four years to pursue a career in portraiture. She will have more time to paint now that she has completed six years of serving on the board of directors for Literacy Volunteers of America. Son Chris lives in Raleigh, NC, married last year, and works at the library at UNC Chapel Hill.

## 1998

**KATHLEEN "KATHY" ANDES** of Groveton, VA, is the editor of Backpage in her local newspaper The Daily. Kathy serves on the MBC Alumni Board of Directors and is on the MBC Gift Shop sales and marketing committee.

## 2000

**NANCY HALL** of Burlington, WV, is working on her master's in social work at West Virginia University. "Thanks to the incredible foundation I received from MBC, the encouragement from advisor Jim Harrington, and the references I've received from my many instructors, I've been blessed with the opportunity to further my education!" In August 2001, Nancy was hired as a service coordinator for Potomac Center, an individualized case facility for adolescents with MRDD. "I love it, and best of all, I'm using the knowledge I gained through my MBC education. God bless you all! I'll graduate from WVU in July 2003!"

## MARRIAGES

**ELIZA ROBINSON RAGSDALE '83** to Robert Gustave Tache, April 6, 2002.

**ALLISON LEE GUYTON '87** to Patrick S. Dogan, July 28, 2001.

**SHELBY SCOTT POWELL '89** to Rooney S. Drinkard, November 10, 2001.

**ROSINA HEYWOOD BOLEN '90** to Aaron Edward Miller, May 27, 2001.

**HEATHER LYNN WILCOX '91** to Edward Hoffman, July 6, 2002.

**MARY VIRGINIA COCKE '92** to Kenneth Edward Reed, March 10, 2001.

**JUSTIA SHERMAN KING '92** to Robert Clayton Maxwell II, June 23, 2001.

**RENAE BERRY MARCOM '93** to Gregory Mitchell Scaz, December 29, 2001.

**DIANAHN "BUFFY" DEBREAUX '93** to Clyde Watts Jr., September 1, 2001.

**LAURA SWANSON HILL '94** to Robert Trump Dean II, October 6, 2001.

**CASEY CATHEEN MONK '94** to Mark Steven McCaughan, November 3, 2001.

**JENNIFER LAN ARIAS '95** to Todd Adamson, November 3, 2001.

**ALEXIS PORTER GRIER '95** to Langdon Fairchild Reid, October 6, 2001.

**AMY CATHERINE GRIFFITH '96** to Matthew J. Barra, July 7, 2001.

**TANIA MARIE LYLE '96** to Christopher T. Cash, September 15, 2001.

**KRISTIN ANNE KICKHOFFEL '98** to Kevin D. Chmel, December 2, 2001.

**KATHERINE "KATE" MARY LANGLOIS '98** to Steve Faraci, February 2, 2002.

**JANE MCLOSKEY RAPIER '98** to Jason Todd Spence, January 12, 2002.

**ANGELA GAIL DANCY '00** to Lars Peterson, July 16, 2000.

**MARY HOUSTON WRIGHT '00** to Robert Daniel Wipfler, September 28, 2001.

**LAURA ASHLEY CLARK '01** to Gregory Dean Buchanan, October 6, 2001.

**MEGAN "WENDY" FOSQUE '01** to Britton Lee Armstrong, January 5, 2002.

**DENYSE MICHELLE HAMMEN '01** to David Bayer, September 29, 2001.

## BIRTHS

**ELIZABETH UPDEGRAFF Vardell '80** and James, a son, Thomas Hart, February 21, 2001

**NANCY BROYLES James '81** and Douglas, a son, Robert Norris, April 19, 2001

**STEPHANIE BECKER '82** and Roland Stumpf, a son, Anton Oliver Becker-Stumpf, May 6, 2002

**DEBORAH BOYER Cabaza '83** and George, a daughter, Sophia Terese, January 24, 2001

**ROBIN NEWCOMB Lermo '84** and Erick, a son, Peter Alhurst, December 3, 2001

**MARY SANTUCCI Tiffin '84** and David, a son, Stephen Alexander, May 7, 2002

**KAREN LATSHAW Schaub '86** and Gregory, a daughter, Elizabeth Lee, February 19, 2001

**HELEN LETTUNICH Chaney '86** and Richard, a son, Richard Cage, March 25, 2002

**CHRISLEY "CHRIS" BAYLOR Voter '86** and Richard, a son, Henry Warren, December 18, 2001

**MICHELE SCHALOW Clements '86** and Bernard, a daughter, Caroline "Callie" Stone, December 11, 2001

**JENNIFER PARKER Lake '87** and Frederick, a son, Parker Venable, June 29, 2001

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**ANGIE TEMPLE COONS Beall '25**, September 27, 2001

**HATTIE EARLY MILLER '25**, December 26, 2001

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**BUELAH WALKER '85**, February 19, 2001

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## **Tampa, Florida** **Dessert and Conversation** **with Jim Lott, dean emeritus** **February 20, 2002**

- #1 Pam Lott, Holly Hunnicutt Green '89, Mimi West '58, Jim Lott
- #2 Liz Anderson '86, Hostess Jan Haddrell Connors '65, Angela Favata Weck '89



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## **Orlando, Florida** **Luncheon with Jim Lott** **February 21, 2002**

- #3 Pam Lott, Flossie Wimberly Hallinger '52, Jim Lott, Barbara Long Russell '57, Leah Garcia '94, Nancy Falkenberg Muller



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## **West Palm Beach, Florida** **Casual Cocktails with Jim Lott** **February 23, 2002**

- #4 Hosts: Adams and Bonnie Brackett Weaver '71, Jim and Pam Lott
- #5 Donna Daitz Mumby '73, Barry Barns Pruitt '55, Henry Pruitt



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## **Charlotte, North Carolina** **Luncheon with President Tyson** **March 1, 2002**

- #6 Hank Watson, Elizabeth Watson '04, Barbara Barnes Wissbaum '79, Dora Lee Wiley Brown '54, Chet Rose, Mary Frances Watson
- #7 Carol Douglas, Robert Morrison, Cynthia H. Tyson, Margaret Chapman Jackson '80, Mary Nell McPherson '79



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## **Charlottesville, Virginia** **ADP 25th Anniversary at the Ivy Inn** **March 16, 2002**

- #8 Marty Kline Chaplin '51, Harvey Chaplin, Margaret McLaughlin Grove '52
- #9 Julie Murphy '70, Ursula P. Rayhrer '81, Sharon Stephens '02, Peggy L. Wharam '89

**Staunton, Virginia**  
**VWIL Alumnae Coffee**  
**March 23, 2002**

- #10 Ann Jean VanWegen '99, Catherine Saunders '01,  
 Kristi Wheeler '01, Kate Schultz '01,  
 Brenda Bryant, Catherine Mitchell '01,  
 Sharon Spalding, Kelly Thorlison '00,  
 Crystal Newcombe '00, Aimee Herrera '99



**Richmond, Virginia**  
**ADP 25th Anniversary**  
**Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden**  
**April 5, 2002**

- #11 Dudley Luck, Don Kierson '84,  
 Vickie Lynn Kierson '00
- #12 Sandra Curtman Carter '00, Judy May Moore '96,  
 Judy DeLeau McMahon, Deirdre Stevens  
 Ownby, Lois Breisch Thatcher



**Staunton, Virginia**  
**ADP 25th Anniversary**  
**at Ham and Jam Pub**  
**April 6, 2002**

- #13 Dudley Luck, Nancy Kunkle Carey '51,  
 Mary Sue Steffey Traxler '84, Frances Scruby '80,  
 Tina Thompson Kincaid '94
- #14 Nancy Payne Dahl '56, Betty Wimmer  
 VanFossen '82, Marie McClure Beck '50



**New York City**  
**Cocktails with Dean Jeff Buller**  
**April 18, 2002**

- #15 Lindsay Jones '69, Judy Galloway '69,  
 Judy Payne Grey '65, Betsy Boggs Freund '76,
- #16 Joanne Reich '88, Jean Grainger '70,  
 Ann Trussler Faith '69, Jenny Thompson Barker '97



**Columbia, South Carolina**  
**Luncheon at the Palmetto Club**  
**April 22, 2002**

- #17 Ann Rawl McCain '51, Mary Weston Grimbail '69,  
 Meg Brittingham Kieda '87,  
 Hostess: Nancy Dana Theus '79,  
 Peyton Woolridge '68



**Greenville, South Carolina**  
**Luncheon at the Poinsett Club**  
**April 23, 2002**

- #18 Bess Plaxco Smith '50, Woo McCuen  
 Thomason '62, Gail Clarkston Crusco '85,  
 Anna Kate Reid Hipp '63, Kathy Hunt Marion '81,  
 Hostess: Mary Wray Conner '81







**Roanoke, Virginia  
ADP 25th Anniversary  
Higher Education Center  
April 26, 2002**

#19 Dona Stevens '84, '02, Ann Fields Alexander '67  
Karen VanDeusen-Ontwood '93, '04, '07



**Birmingham, Alabama  
Wine and Cheese  
with President Tyson  
April 28, 2002**

#20 Susan Spole-Eliot '83, Nicole Messico Reed '88,  
Ann Robinson King '63, Joyce Aker-Patt '62,  
Joyce Craig-Sumner-Worth '46, Wendy Woodson  
Barnes '92, Dr. Tyson, Donna Deamman Smith '70,  
Linda Thom-Able '73



**Staunton, Virginia  
Reception for 2002 ADP Graduates  
May 1, 2002**

#21 Tom Martin '02, LaTonya Anderson '02,  
Chris Massie '02  
#22 Tom Woody, Amy Emsminger '02,  
Mike Spitzer, Judy Scherzer '02, Wanda Trayer '02



**Fort Worth, Texas  
Wine and Cheese with President Tyson  
May 5, 2002**

#23 Vera Thomas-James '62, Frances Lawrence '77,  
Hostess: Carolyn Dew Gruensfelder '80,  
Dr. Tyson, Amy Lawrence-Walton '80



**Dallas, Texas  
Reception with President Tyson  
May 6, 2002**

#24 Hostess: Heather Hill Washburne '94,  
Dr. Tyson, Caroline Hunt '43  
#25 Shannon Doenges Collins '89,  
Melinda Middleton Knowles '82,  
Sauvagey Suggs Connolly '92  
#26 Sandra Esquivel Snyder '59,  
Paula Stephens Lambert '65,  
Beth Palk Hooper '93, Garnett Clymer '95  
#27 Kristina Arnold '98, Joan Valten Hall '66,  
Carla Rucker Nix '57, Saunders Vickery '90,  
April Sikes '01, Hollon Meaders '75



**Roanoke, Virginia**  
**Reception for 2002 ADP Graduates**  
**May 8, 2002**

#28 Amy Hodges '02, Holly Chapman '02,  
 Sharon Wilson '02, Sharon Barnes



#29 Patricia Hickok '02, Karen Murphy '02,  
 Cassie Hammed '02, Sherry Duncan '02,  
 Jennifer Preas '02, Mike Brown,  
 Cassandra Franson '02, Lori Dressler

**Richmond, Virginia**  
**Reception for 2002 ADP**  
**and MAT Graduates**  
**May 9, 2002**

#30 Allison Rooke '02, Mary Williams,  
 Luz Ronston '02, Shanna Taylor '02,  
 Nicole Long '02, Judy Baird '02



#31 Mary Gaylor '02, Nancy Wieser '02,  
 Colleen Hokanson



*Thanks!*

Lucia "Yogi" Almendras, left, and Leah Griffith know something about leadership. Yogi, who graduated from Mary Baldwin in May, passed the presidency of the Student Government Association on to Leah, a senior. Both have been active in a wide variety of college and community activities. Without your contributions to Annual Giving, they know that Mary Baldwin would be a far different and much diminished place, one with fewer opportunities for young women to learn and lead.

"No matter what you give, someone here is going to benefit," says Yogi, who is tutoring underprivileged children in Washington, D.C., for a year before going to law school. Adds Leah: "Leadership is crucial to the success of any organization. Your leadership — in making a gift to help pay the ongoing costs of the college — has a bigger impact than you may imagine on the success of students. And you are setting an example that we want to follow. On behalf of all students at MBC, we thank you."



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Mary Baldwin honors its top incoming first-year students with generous scholarships acknowledging academic merit. Some of the recipients may attend a high school near you. We're looking for alumnae/i to present these scholarships at school awards ceremonies each spring. Share the pride of these accomplished students who are excited about going to Mary Baldwin and continuing their achievements.



*Rebecca Sepulveda '06  
receives a Bailey Scholarship  
from Erlene Eason '52*


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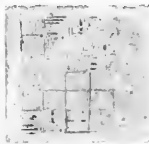
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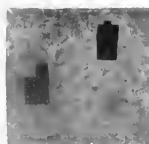


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Newport, Rhode Island, 1974,  
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## Richard Fleischner




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# Anatomy of a Decision To Speak Two Languages at Home

By Bruce R. Dorries

Usually a spouse born outside the United States wants to transmit the language of his or her homeland to children.

However, my wife, a native of Romania, has mixed feelings about teaching our son her native tongue.

It has taken me years to understand why.

The value of a second language seemed self-evident to me. By learning Romanian, our son can communicate better with Olimpia's family, gain access to another culture, and lay a foundation for learning other Romance languages: Spanish, French, Italian, Portuguese.

My pidgin Romanian, learned during visits with her parents and from tapes, permits only basic conversation. My father-in-law, unlike most of my wife's family, does not speak English very well. We both find it frustrating to rely on our spouses for translations.

I love the sound of the Romanian language, which strikes most American ears as musical and mysterious.

While I find the language romantic, Olimpia considers it a tie to a past she would rather leave behind.

For most of her life, the repressive dictator Nicolae Ceausescu and his state police, the Securitate, dominated Romania.

Perhaps as much as a third of the population had ties to the Securitate at one time, permeating the country with paranoia about open communication.

Olimpia recalls speaking on the phone with a cousin back in the 1980s, one of Romania's darkest times. As they chatted about typical teenager topics, practicing their German, a third party cut in. "Vorbeste Romaneste!" the

eavesdropper demanded. "Speak Romanian" — or else, he implied.

When I say "Vorbeste Romaneste!" to encourage Olimpia to share that language with me or our son we share a black, symbolic joke.

Unfortunately, most of the economic and political news from Romania since 1990 also has been dark. Although she loves her homeland, Olimpia fears it as well. And deep down, that apprehension is connected to her first language.

On the other hand, English represents for her one of the best things about the United States. She enjoys the liberating qualities of American English, a language she finds free of "hand kissing" phrases used to communicate indirectly and to meet social norms of hierarchy.

Olimpia also wondered if hearing English at day care and Romanian at home would confuse our son. She felt he would be at a disadvantage in reading and writing when he entered elementary school. Fortunately, I could point to millions of successful children of immigrants who spoke one language at home and another in the community.

My wife ultimately has agreed that teaching our son two languages is a gift. Meanwhile, I am learning that there are more obstacles to rearing a bilingual child than my spouse's reservations.

Recently a slug — not a bullet, the creature that chews plants at night — illustrated why children might find it easier to acquire English than Romanian.

Mitchell, our preschooler, found a slimy mollusk during a family hike. Upon touching it he jumped, shouted "Yaugh!" in revulsion, and toddled away. After we laughed and reassured him, I asked Olimpia the Romanian word for slug.

"Melc fara casa," she replied, which translates "snail without a house." I noted "slug" has one syllable, melc fara casa five.

Since then we have been counting syllables, comparing English with Romanian words. While there are exceptions, Latin-based words run longer than their English counterparts.

Mitch can't yet say long words. He points to vaca (two syllables), but prefers to say "cow." He says "knee," but only points to his genunchi (three syllables). And though he is always ready for a "snack," it may be another year before he can pronounce prajitura (four syllables).

We're expecting a baby girl — whom we've already named Valeria (Romanian for "strong"). Perhaps she will take to her mother's tongue more readily when she begins speaking.

In any case, Olimpia and I now recognize we will need extra strength, patience, and understanding — and not just with kids — to teach our children two languages.



**Bruce R. Dorries** is assistant professor of communication at Mary Baldwin and now father of a son and a daughter. This

article originally appeared in *The Christian Science Monitor* ([www.csmonitor.com](http://www.csmonitor.com)).

## Re-Enrollment, Top-Tier Ranking

With a 90% re-enrollment rate and 90% students in the top 10% of their class, this fall, Annapolis-based Mary Baldwin College produced a record number of first-time applicants with strong credentials, including an average SAT score that is among the highest in decades. Enrollments in the Virginia Women's Institute for Leadership and the Program for the Exceptionally Gifted were at or near record levels, too. In its latest rankings, *U.S. News & World Report* once again listed Mary Baldwin in the South's top tier of master's level universities, a category acknowledging our growing array of distinctive and increasingly popular undergraduate and graduate offerings.

## Change of Command

Graduating First Captain Erinn Singman pushes her sword into the turf at the Change of Command Ceremony for the Virginia Women's Institute for Leadership during Commencement week-end. Removing it was her successor and the corps' new commander, First Captain Amanda Bennett.

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